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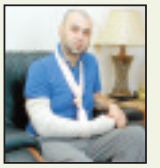

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Legal eagles wing in to raise cash for hospice

John Cockling, Chris Hamlyn and Jonathan Browne of Wall James Chappell

STAFF at a Stourbridge solicitors took to the tills at a town centre supermarket to raise money for charity.

Nine workers from Wall James Chappell offered to pack shoppers' bags at Iceland in the Ryemarket centre.

They were lending a hand in return for a donation for their chosen charity, Mary Stevens Hospice, Stourbridge.

They plan to hold a number of fundraising events over the coming months.

The firm is still counting up the money raised on Saturday and will be announcing the amount later.

The firm has a long-established association with the hospice as the the firm's head of private client department, Christopher Hamlyn, attended the opening of the day unit in 1991 and became the Hospice's first legacy officer.

Partner Susannah Griffiths said: "Mary Stevens Hospice was the obvious choice of charity to support as it is so well thought of by the local community and our clients.

"We hope to make a considerable difference in forthcoming years with our support for patient care and are pleased to be associated with all at the Hospice," she added.

"We have various fundraising initiatives planned for the coming months."

Iceland, which is based in the Ryemarket in Stourbridge, has also been supportive of the hospice, having donated food items for the summer fete which was held last year.

SECOND TRY ON £5M HOTEL PLAN

A £5MILLION scheme to extend an historic hotel near Stourbridge has been resurrected months after being shelved in a row between its owners and English Heritage.

Revised proposals to create 23 new bedrooms, a conference suite and spa at Grade II-listed Dunsley Hall Hotel, Kinver, have now been submitted to South Staffordshire Council.

The improvements could create up to 170 new jobs in the area and owners Terrie and Wilf Beardsmore hope work will be completed by next year, if approval is granted.

They aim to create a five-star hotel in the region in time for the 2012 Olympics.

Mr and Mrs Beardsmore were forced to rethink their original plans after English Heritage criticised a proposed extension to the main hall.

The group said it would be disproportionate to the existing building and out of keeping with its character.

An extension still forms part of the new scheme, but has now been redesigned to lessen its impact.

It would comprise a part single, part two-storey link block connecting the main hall to a new conference block.

It would be arranged over three floors and a basement created to reduce the scale of the development and include a cinema, function room and storage area.

Dilapidated

The first floor accommodation, including seven additional bedrooms, would also be built into the roof of the extension – again lessening the scale of the proposed building.

Other plans include converting a stable block to create three luxury bedrooms and refurbishing glasshouses and potting sheds to create a spa.

Dilapidated garages would be demolished and replaced with an extension linking the stable block and spa.

Plans were submitted to the council on March 1, but a date when they will be discussed by the planning committee has yet to be decided.

Mr and Mrs Beardsmore were unavailable for comment on the scheme.

English Heritage said it not yet studied the new plans and had not been requested to do so by the council.

Exercise to cushion the blow

A NEW, gentle exercise class has been set up in Wordsley.

Chair-obics will take place every Monday at Wordsley Parish Church Hall, High Street, from 2.30pm.

Exercises at the class can be done sitting or standing.

For further details call Lisa Darby on 01384 816463.

Vase lectures and a Cameo

GLASS expert Graham Fisher MBE is taking bookings for his new illustrated lectures on The Portland Vase and Other Cameo Glass.

He is the official ambassador for Dudley's Broadfield House Glass Museum.

Side by Side with trophies

A THEATRE and dance group for people with learning disabilities is celebrating after scooping four awards at two performing arts festivals.

Stourbridge-based Side by Side Theatre Company won three awards at the Dudley Festival of Music, Drama and Dance, picking up outstanding and distinction prizes for their plays as well as the chairman's trophy for group-devised theatre.

Members followed up at the Worcestershire Theatre Festival by winning the Peter Melors trophy for the most original piece of theatre. The group's latest awards have been added to a hoard of almost 70 to be presented since their formation 14 years ago.

Michael Collie, presenter on BBC's Midlands Today, is a patron of the group and dropped in to congratulate them.

Side by Side's most recent production, Who is Pilgrim?, will be performed at the Prague Fringe Festival in May.

A spokeswoman for the group said: "The trip has taken two years to plan and we hope it will be another step forwards in showing that people with learning disabilities can train in the performing arts and create exciting, original and enjoyable theatre."

A performance of Who is Pilgrim? will follow at Stourbridge Town Hall from June 22-24.

Visit www.sidebysidetheatre-companystourbridge.co.uk for more information.

Trophies galore for Side by Side members, back from left, Mark Slater, Judy Alcock, James Emtage and Claire Attwood. Front, Amanda Hill, Sarah Field and Judy Crosby

Pictures from Black Country to Paris and back again

AN EXHIBITION by a world famous photographer about his Black Country roots, which made its debut in Paris, is now to be shown in the region.

"The Black Country", by Brian Griffin, who grew up among the factories of Lye, near Stourbridge, will run at the New Art Gallery, Walsall, from April 8 to June 19.

It will be the first UK showing of the collection of images, originally displayed at the College des Bernardins in Paris in November, which include the Earl of Dudley, Black Country food, speedway racing, the local pub, the family cat and his early years as a choirboy.

Mr Griffin, now based in London, will lead a tour of the exhibition on June 4. Family photographs and his written accounts of childhood accompany the shots.

"Growing up in the Black Country was the best thing that ever happened to me", said 62-year-old Mr Griffin, who was born in Birmingham but spent his childhood in Stocking Street, Lye.

He is now renowned for his portraits of musicians, actors, political figures and the business community. But it is his early years that have inspired the collection.

Curtains

"Factories were everywhere, even surrounding my school," he said.

"If I opened my bedroom net curtains, sometimes the night sky would be glowing red from the furnaces of Round Oak Steelworks in Brierley Hill.

"Beyond the steelworks was Dudley Castle, the former home of the Earls of Dudley. Mum and Dad used to say that everything was the Earl of Dudley's."

The exhibition pictures focus on factory workers but also depict the Black Country as seen through a child's eyes. Works will also be displayed from the Walsall gallery's own collection that have influenced Mr Griffin.

Brian Griffin – exhibition

Parker's album is out soon

STOURBRIDGE folk singer Ian Parker is releasing his live acoustic album soon.

Recorded during a gig at The Globe in Cardiff, "The Bare Bones" consists of 11 songs, including four previously unrecorded tracks.

The album is officially released on March 21, but anyone wishing to pre-order it can save the postage and packing and pay just £10.

Parker moulded his acoustic talents at the Robin Hood Club in Dudley over a decade ago, and after spending the last two years playing solo acoustic shows has finally decided to release an acoustic album. He said: "I felt very relaxed once I got on stage, and I'm very happy with how it turned out."

The album can be pre-ordered from www.ianparkermusic.com

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Nick Clarke, right, with friend Robert Murphy at the Nou Camp, Barcelona

Nick, third right, and his mates paying tribute to Barca star Lionel Messi

From Glassa to Barca

From a non-league match on a cold afternoon to the glamour of a European tie – it is just another typical week in the life of Black Country football fanatic Nick Clarke.

He was in the Spanish crowd cheering on Barcelona in their clash with Arsenal in the Champions League last week – but insists his heart lies with Stourbridge Town.

The 23-year-old has season tickets for Stourbridge and Barcelona and tries to make as many home games as he can for both teams.

Nick, of Hagley, was one of the 90,000 supporters at the Nou Camp on Tuesday who saw Barcelona defeat Arsenal.

Opportunity

The quality manager at Clarke Transport, Oldbury, went on a five-day holiday with five friends and his brother Ollie, 21.

They flew out the Friday before and were able to watched Barca beat Real Zaragoza 1-0.

A three-week gap in home fixtures at Stourbridge gave him the opportunity to spend some more time in the Catalan capital and he stayed for two matches.

He says: "It's a great experience going to the Nou Camp and seeing them play, it's totally different to Stourbridge.

"But Stourbridge need our support and I'll always be behind them."

The Barca season ticket costs £380 and the Stourbridge one £110.

Each trip to Spain costs around £75 for travel as his accommodation is free, staying with friends he has made.

His support for Barca came when he and his father Bill attended a game at the Nou Camp in 2003.

He adds: "Unfortunately Barcelona lost 2-1, our first defeat against Real Madrid in Camp Nou since October 1983.

"Even though they lost I could not believe the atmosphere or the level of expectation compared to English football – it was fantastic.

"Following that I became hooked on the city, the country and the lifestyle."

The visits to Barcelona became more regular in the 2006/07 season when he was aged 19.

Since then he has been to at least 10 games a season for the past four years, and last season he missed only four home league games, as well as travelling to several away games and Champions League ties.

He says: "Over the past five years, I have seen Barca in Glasgow, Seville, Manchester, Madrid, London, Munich and most notably in Rome, where we won our third European Cup." He is hoping the club will this year scoop their fourth European title in the final at Wembley Stadium.

Since getting hooked, he has joined a UK-based Barcelona supporters' club. While in Barcelona he joins up with fellow supporters in a pub and he says he enjoys socialising in the city almost as much as watching the football.

But at the weekend he was back with Stourbridge's travelling fans who saw the Glassboys lose 3-2 at Weymouth Saturday.

He missed the Glassboys' 2-0 victory over Oxford City the previous Saturday – which was attended by just 161 supporters, compared to the 70,000 that packed into the Nou Camp for the game against Real Zaragoza.

Tiring

When Arsenal beat Barcelona in the first leg of their Champions League tie last month, Nick saw that game and a Glassboys match within 24 hours.

He cheered on Stourbridge in the Worcestershire Senior Cup semi-final which ended in a 4-0 win over Redditch, before flying out to the Catalan capital.

He added: "It can get tiring sometimes but we always have a good time and we like to turn our trips into mini holidays.

"I used to watch Villa but I got fed up with the Premier League because it's all about money – that's why I watch Stourbridge. Barcelona is a different world but I love the atmosphere – and of course the weather is much better."

Brothers Nick Clarke, left, and his brother Ollie, centre, who support Stourbridge FC and Barcelona, with Stourbridge captain Ben Billingham

Nick's match days

Stourbridge

1pm – "I arrive in Stourbridge and place a few bets at the bookies before making my way to the Mitre Inn in Lower High Street, where we meet a few of the Stourbridge barmy army and have a couple of drinks prior to the game, mixing with both home and away fans."

2.30pm – "I head to the ground as it's a five to 10- minute walk from the Mitre Inn, and get a quick drink before the game and a chat with Steve Dimmock, the landlord of the ground's clubhouse, and any of the other Stourbridge fans who weren't previously in the Mitre."

3pm – "Watch the game, and stand behind the end Stourbridge are attacking, which tends to be the Shed End for the first half – a far cry from the Nou Camp."

3.45pm – "We get a pie and watch the half time scores and hope a few of our play-off rivals or teams down the number nine bus route to Birmingham – such as Lye or Halesowen – are dropping points."

4pm – "Get behind the goal at the Church End for the second half."

5pm – "Watch the full time scores and curse the bets we failed to put on, then have a drink in the club house with the players and managerial staff from both sets of teams. We will head back to The Mitre Inn, where we tend to stay until the end of the first evening match on TV, before heading home either for the night or for a quick change before heading out again."

Barcelona

Friday night – "One problem with supporting a Spanish team is that we do not know what day the game will be played until 10 days before – it could be a Saturday or Sunday any time between 7pm and 11pm.

"I tend to fly from Liverpool airport on the Friday night and have the night out with other members of my UK FC Barcelona Supporters Club."

Saturday morning – "On match day we tend to walk from an apartment we have hired – keeping well away from the tourist traps – and get some breakfast, before getting a metro to the Nou Camp and meeting local Barca fans and my Catalan Supporters Club, Toxicos FCB."

4pm – "We meet in the same bar every home game, which is named 'El Triplet' in honour of Barca's treble success in the 2008/09 season.

"We stay here until kick off. For the big games against teams like Real Madrid, there can be up to 250 in this small backstreet bar, of which usually 50 of us have a typical Spanish dinner like paella together with drinks, and sing predominately pro-Barca songs."

The match – "We sit in the upper tier behind the goal in the corner of the Nou Camp, where the 40-50 Toxicos FCB congregate. It isn't quite like Stourbridge home games, as we can't walk round the ground to sit behind the end we attack. Away attendances are usually poor, with even Real Madrid only bringing at most 400 fans."

Post-match – "After the game, we usually go back to 'El Triplet' and have a quick drink before heading in to town to speak with my friends.

"When I first met them, they would as 'When is your next match?' but nowadays, it has become more like 'See you at the next game'. Depending on what time we fly home the following day, we might head back to the city centre and carry on where we left off, before stumbling into bed, grab a few hours sleep and then get up early for a cab to the airport and flight home."

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Bus halts party for the prince

THE brakes have been put on plans for a street party to celebrate the royal wedding because it would disrupt a bus service in Dudley.

Disappointed families are now urging the council to make a U-turn on the decision.

They say celebrations planned in The Portway, Kingswinford, to mark the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton have been left in tatters. More than 30 residents asked for the road to be closed for a few hundred yards between the Stream Road and Cranham Drive junctions for the party on Friday, April 29.

But Dudley Council has refused on the grounds that it would disrupt a bus service on the route.

An offer had already been made to install a soft play area for children free of charge for the event and one resident planned to bake a mini wedding cake.

Families said they had contacted National Express West Midlands and said the area they wanted to close off did not include a bus stop.

Diversion

Portway pub licensee Kay Baker, who was helping to organise the party, said: "We have already checked about the buses. In the past there has been a short diversion – literally a right turn along another street – put in place," she said. "Plans for the party have been very popular in the community.

"Meetings to plan it have been held here at the pub and the room has been packed.

Dudley Council's cabinet member for transport Councillor Angus Adams said: "It is a route for emergency services vehicles and buses.

"It has been recommended to the landlady that the pub's substantial car park might be considered for the event."

Campaigning for a royal wedding street party in The Portway, Kingswinford, are residents, back from left, John Edmunds, Matthew Walters and Sean Bielecki. At the front are Antoinette Denston, left, and Kay Baker.

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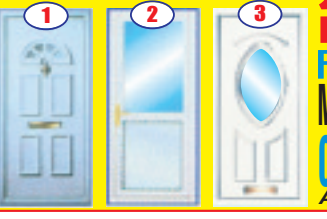

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Rail users fight to lift axe on ticket offices

STOURBRIDGE rail passengers are spearheading a protest against plans to close or reduce hours at station ticket offices in the area.

London Midland is proposing to shut the ticket office at Stourbridge Town from late afternoons, and at nearby Lye the ticket office is earmarked to be closed completely.

London Midland is changing hours at a 87 ticket offices, cutting 122 jobs. Passengers will have to use self-service machines instead as the company looks to remove staff completely from nine stations and drastically reduce numbers at others.

Rob Hebron of the Stourbridge Line User Group (SLUG), which supports users of the Birmingham to Worcester Railway, said: "At a time when train usage is increasing and people should be encouraged to use public transport, London Midland is discouraging passengers.

Efficient

"Face to face contact with staff not only assists the enquiring traveller but it reassures he or she that they are personally secure at a station."

Mr Hebron added: "Lye is not a remote village station – it is in a highly-populated area. It deserves a new station building, not a basic shelter, and the only people to gain will be fare dodgers.

The group wants passengers to protest to the company or to write to their MP.

Alex Hynes, commercial director for London Midland, said: "We have looked carefully at how our ticket offices are being used and we now want to ensure that they are even more efficient and meet more closely the needs of our passengers.

"London Midland will be taking action to ensure that our high standards of customer service will not be compromised."

Round-up of stray horses in vain

THREE stray horses rounded up by a member of the public were roaming the streets again within hours after being freed from a makeshift enclosure.

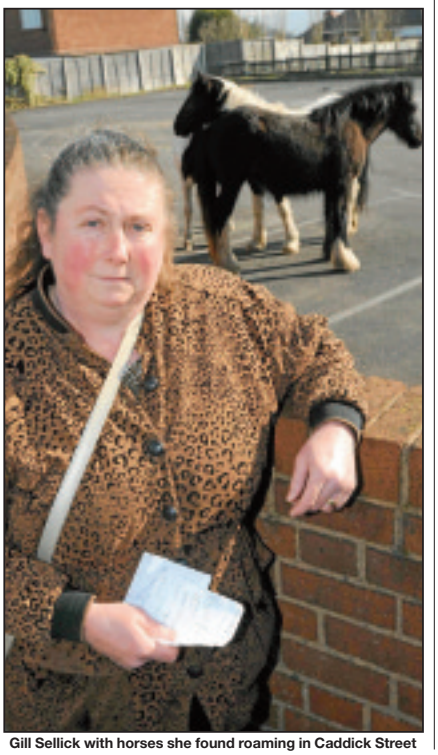
Housewife Gill Sellick spotted the horses in Coseley last week and knew she had to get them to safety.

Using bread she had in her car to tempt them, she was able to lead them to a disused pub car park in Caddick Street. But despite calls to the police, council, RSPCA and a horse sanctuary, they were roaming the streets again within hours.

She said Dudley Council told her they couldn't help, police said their hands were tied, and the RSPCA who eventually came out, couldn't find the horses.

Mrs Sellick, aged 52, of Norton Crescent, Coseley, said it was a disgrace that nothing was being done.

A Dudley Council spokesman said: "We can reassure residents that extensive work is going on behind the scenes and we have been working closely with the police to deal with strays."



Gill Sellick with horses she found roaming in Caddick Street

Staff in nightwear raise £500 for Have a Heart campaign

PYJAMA-wearing employees at Sandwell Homes have raised more than £500 for Have a Heart.

Staff at the organisation that looks after council homes went to work in their nightwear in aid of Children's Hospices UK, a national charity that represents all children's hospice services.

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Custard and red noses in store

CUSTARD, fancy dress and red noses galore have been lined up for a host of Comic Relief activities at an Amblecote supermarket.

Staff at Sainsbury's, on Sandringham Way, have already been fundraising by selling red nose merchandise while some customers have rounded up their bills at the checkouts to donate money.

On Red Nose Day tomorrow (March 18), store trainer Margo Houghton will undergo a sponsored silence in fancy dress.

Sponges

From 11am-1pm store manager Vernon Dix will be on the car park in a bath full of custard. Customers – and colleagues – can throw wet sponges at Mr Dix for a donation to Comic Relief.

Between 1pm and 2pm staff will perform an Austin Powers dance routine in the aisles and will also bag-pack throughout the day.

Balloons and stickers will be available for children, who can help fill a giant red nose with their loose change.

Julie Bate, PR ambassador at the store, recently took a Fairtrade trip to Malawi and saw some of Comic Relief's work. "I have seen for myself the phenomenal impact that Comic Relief has had on the people of Malawi," she said.

"I feel proud of Sainsbury's and their customers for all the support they give to Comic Relief. The fundraising really does make a huge difference to disadvantaged people in the UK and Africa."

Shopping maul with the Saxons

STOURBRIDGE Saxons are poised to mark the relaunch of a store in the town by turning it into a "shopping maul".

The Saxons will be at the new-look Wilkinson store on High Street for the event next Thursday (March 24).

The players will join store management for a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially mark the re-opening.

The Saxons, fresh from victory over Otley at the weekend, are actively involved in the local community and have recently raised more than £3,000 for SPOCC, Birmingham Children's Hospital and Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

Wilkinsons will also be inviting representatives from the town's Mary Stevens Hospice, which offers specialist palliative care for adults who have non-curative illnesses, to the store on re-opening day.

Store manager Sue Gazey will present them with a donation of £500 to help towards funding.

Balloon

Further activity for the re-opening day includes a "guess the weight of the Saxons" game which will raise money for Anthony Nolan, which finds transplant matches for leukaemia sufferers and is Wilkinsons' charity of the year.

The competition winner will get store vouchers.

Saturday, March 26 will see the store host a family fun day, when a balloon modeller will be in store between 2pm and 6pm to entertain children.

Sue Gazey said: "We are really looking forward to welcoming the Stourbridge Saxons and representatives from Mary Stevens Hospice to the store on re-opening day.

"The whole team has been working extremely hard over the last few months," she added.

"I have no doubt that customers will be impressed with the new look and feel."

Wilkinsons remains a family owned firm after 80 years of trading.

It has 349 stores across the UK, selling more than 25,000 product lines, and is an active supporter of local charities.

Church will say it with flowers

A SPRING flower demonstration is being held at a church in Kinver next week.

Funds from the event, organised by the Kinver Fundraising Volunteer Group, will go to Mary Stevens Hospice in Stourbridge.

The demonstration will be by Sue Sands, owner of Kinver flower shop Just Petals and takes place on Tuesday (March 22) from 7.30pm.

Sylvia Sidaway, who chairs the Fundraising Group, said: "Sue Sands has been a valued supporter of the hospice for many years.

"Her expertise in arranging flowers will, I am sure, inspire us all."

A raffle will be held and visitors can browse a jewellery stall. Tickets are £6 and include light refreshments. They can be purchased from hospice shops in Wollaston and Kinver or by calling Sylvia Sidaway on 01384 877680.

Attractions fly flag for tourism

Taking a trip on one of the Dudley canal boats are, from left, Mark Redfern, Ben Furguson, Carol Turley, Fritz Flug, Nigel Jackson and the skipper Chris Round

BLACK Country attractions are flying the flag to raise the profile of the tourism industry in the region.

Dudley Canal Tunnel and Limestone Mines are among a number of sites in the region aiming to highlight British Tourism Week which ran from Saturday until March 20.

Council chiefs say Dudley's tourism industry generates millions of pounds as around 4.5 million visitors head to the borough each year for leisure and business purposes.

Staff at Dudley Canal Tunnel and Limestone Mines welcome more than 850,000 visitors a year. The attraction is now working with the Heritage Lottery Fund to further develop the attraction at the Birmingham New Road site. Improvement proposals are also in the pipeline at Dudley Zoo and the Black Country Living Museum.

June Hodgetts, general manager at Dudley Canal Trust, said: "Many people think that tourism is when they go to the seaside or overseas on their summer holiday. But people also need to think about attractions closer to home."

Guests staying silent

MEMBERS of the Hagley Mothers' Union were giving guests the silent treatment at a meeting today (March 17).

The event takes the form of a quiet day providing time for readings and meditations to mark the period of Lent.

The session, held by Jayne Mottershead, was taking place today between 11am and 2pm, after the usual 10am communion service.

Plans for group's Royal Wedding tea party are also well under way and celebrations are due to commence on Thursday, April 28, from 2pm.

Both events will take place at St Saviour's Hall, Hagley, and all proceeds will go towards the Mothers' Union Wheels appeal which raises money for transport needs for MU workers in developing countries.

Reunion date set

A REUNION has been organised for past staff of the accounting departments of Round Oak Steel Works, Dudley. It will be on Wednesday, April 13 at The Old Cat pub in Wordsley.

Past colleagues are still being sought who worked in the cost office, Hollerith, wages or internal audit departments in the 1960s and 1970s who are interested in attending. Details from Roy Sanders on 01384 265477 or Pauline Iddles (nee Tittley) on 01384 271430.

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Campaigners to lose their favourite views

The doomed Coombs Wood Sports and Social Club

> These paths have been walked for many years

WALKERS and birdwatchers have lost their fight to prevent the closure of a popular footpath at a Dudley beauty spot.

Government inspectors have ruled that the path at Coombeswood Green Wedge, Halesowen, can be shut.

The move is to enable a new cricket club to be built and another path will be diverted. The plans are part of a development by St Modwen to build a new cricket ground for Coombs Wood Sports and Social Club in Stewarts Road. Seventy new homes will be built at the existing club in Coombs Road.

More than 50 objections were lodged by residents who said the paths had been walked for more than 30 years.

They said "magnificent views" would be lost, but planning inspector Paul Dignan said comparable views would still be available nearby.

Councillor Jeff Hill, who had backed the campaign to save the paths, said: "I am very disappointed. These paths have been walked by people for many years."

Campaigner and dog groomer Sue Yeadon, of Greenhill Road, Halesowen, said: "I was disappointed but not surprised by the planning inspector's decision."

Mr Dignan's written decision notice approving the footpath closure and diversion orders, which follows a public inquiry in January, said: "The orders would entail some disadvantage to the public. The most notable would be less convenient access to the extensive parts of the Coombeswood Green Wedge.

Acceptable

"The Wedge would still have a significant network of footpaths.

"The development which the orders would enable has been considered acceptable by the council and carries with it benefits to the public as users of the facilities."

Mr Dignan added that the disadvantage of closing the path did not outweigh the benefits.

Sandpit cash boost

Staff and volunteers from the Prince's Trust with Brierley Hill firefighters and youngsters Greg Adams, aged four, Evie Gregory, five and Haydon Bagnall, four

FIREFIGHTERS and volunteers from the Prince's Trust have raised £300 for a Dudley primary school to have a new sandpit built.

The sum was raised during a car wash at Brierley Hill station. It will go towards installing the pit at St Mary's Primary School in Queen Street, Kingswinford.

Youngsters who use the Prince's Trust services, such as rehabilitated offenders and teenagers in care, helped out at the car wash.

Watch commander Gavin Pardoe said: "The Prince's Trust approached us about helping out and we were happy to. "We are taking part in a campaign this year under the banner Children and Young People so this fits in perfectly with that."

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Warning on numbers for schools over homes plan

SCHOOLS in a village near Stourbridge are "bursting at the seams" and could not cope with the hundreds of extra children who would flood into the area if plans to build at least 219 homes on local farmland go ahead, it is claimed.

The Worcestershire Association of School Governors is objecting to the designation of a 54-acre site off the A456 Kidderminster to Birmingham Road for potential housing and commercial development.

The land is between Western Road, Hagley, and the island at the junction of the A456 with the A491.

Villagers in Hagley and Clent, near Stourbridge, last month launched a campaign aimed at squashing plans for housing and commercial development, contained in Bromsgrove District Council's "Core Strategy".

Bromsgrove Council is consulting the public about the strategy, which includes proposals to build a total of 4,000 dwellings in the district between now and 2021.

At least 219 of those could be built on the land off the A456 and A491, which straddles Hagley and Clent.

Shopping

Malcolm Richards, chairman of Worcestershire Association of School Governors, said: "Schools in Hagley are bursting at the seams and Haybridge High School, which serves five primary schools in surrounding villages could not fit a single more pupil in.

"If 220 more houses were built in the area, they would produce possibly 300 to 400 more children of various ages and we would need a new school – but there is no money to build one."

Members of the Hagley and Clent Campaign Group, set up by Hagley and Clent Parish Councils and local residents to fight the proposals, will on Saturday be talking to people in Worcester Road, in the main village shopping area.

A "drop-in" session was held on Saturday at Hagley Parish Council's offices in Worcester Road.

Hagley Parish Council chairman Steve Colella, who is also a district councillor, said: "Building this many homes would put pressure on local amenities and social services – without the investment to meet that need.

"Schools, doctors and the rest of our local services are all at their capacity and we can't take any more," he added.

Op delay patient calls for apology over 'sham'

Furious – Richard Wyman recovering

> "I hope that the chief executive puts herself in my shoes and thinks what outcome she'd expect"

A MAN is threatening Dudley's Russells Hall hospital with legal action after his operation was cancelled four times at the last minute.

Richard Wyman, aged 32, says he endured a "complete farce" as he waited nine months for the procedure on a ruptured bicep tendon.

On four occasions he turned up at the hospital only to be told the operation could not go ahead – sometimes being made to wait hours before he could leave.

It was finally carried out on February 2 but Mr Wyman says he is "disgusted" with the way he was treated. Mr Wyman, a technician for National Grid, has written to the hospital's chief executive Paula Clarke demanding an apology and compensation.

Dudley Group of Hospitals cancelled 319 procedures between October and December last year, the highest number in the region.

Almost 300 operations were called off in December and January alone at Russells Hall because of a surge in winter emergencies. Mr Wyman said: "This shows the utter sham that my experience with the hospital has been.

"I expect some sort of compensation for all the stress and trouble the hospital has caused.

"And before making any decisions I hope the chief executive puts herself in my shoes and thinks what outcome she would expect if this had happened to herself or a member of her family."

Mr Wyman suffered the injury at work in May last year when he was stretching for equipment in the back of his van.

Investigate

He was left unable to lift objects with his right arm as it has no strength since the injury.

Hospital chief executive Ms Clarke said: "We are very sorry that on this occasion the patient felt they did not have a good experience of our service.

"We would ask them to contact our Patient Advice and Liaison Service so that we can thoroughly investigate the issues they have raised and learn from their experiences."

Church seeking £200,000 grant

Hoping for English Heritage funding – project manager Gordon Roberts, left, and church leader Albert Billingham at Cradley Heath Baptist Church in Corngreaves Road

THE congregation of a Grade II-listed church in Cradley Heath has applied for £200,000 worth of English Heritage funding.

The Cradley Heath Baptist Church fundraising committee has applied for the funding to do high level restoration work on the building. This includes work to the roof, including new tresses and restoration of its original masonry.

Project manager Gordon Roberts said: "We need to bring this Edwardian building into the 21st century, and the work needs to be done as carefully and sympathetically as we can."

Mr Roberts is hoping to find out if their application has been successful at the end of the month and work would take a year to complete.

On March 26 the Knowle Male Voice Choir will be holding a concert at the church to help with efforts to raise funds.

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As it turned out, there was no need for me to fret. I discovered that everyone 75 and over or eligible disabled was entitled to help switching one of their TVs to digital. I didn't even have to ask. An information pack from the Switchover Help Scheme just turned up one morning in the post. It's run by the BBC. For £40 they will arrange for an approved installer to supply and install everything. If you're eligible and also on certain income-related benefits you don't pay a penny. There are also other digital options to choose from, but they may cost a bit more.

Alan the installer

Well, they didn't have to tell me twice. I rang up the freephone number and got the help I was entitled to. The lady at the Help Scheme arranged for someone to come round and a very nice fella called Alan came and set everything up for me. He even took time to show me how to use it. He explained that there were no hidden costs either. In fact the only surprise I got was when Alan showed me all the extra TV channels I could watch for free. When he finished at mine, he went next door to Peggy's. Although she already had digital on her living room telly, she was still entitled to help switching one TV, so he sorted out the TV in her bedroom which she watches a lot.

The help continues

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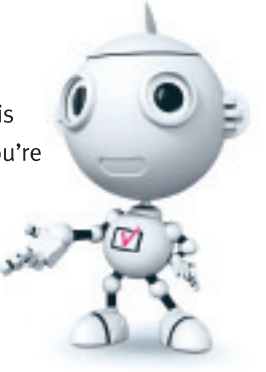

What should you do now?

Everyone who is entitled to help will receive an information pack from the Help Scheme. But if you'd like to apply now, you can call free on **0800 40 85 900** or visit **helpscheme.co.uk**

Jean is a fictitious character based on real customers who have expressed similar views.

BBC The Switchover Help Scheme is run by the BBC

switchover help scheme

Museum joy as town's claim on engine upheld

THE 300th anniversary of the world's first successful steam engine will be officially celebrated next year in Dudley.

The influential Newcomen Society has "fully accepted" the theory that the 1712 Newcomen Engine was built in Dudley – rejecting a rival claim for Wolverhampton.

Dudley's claim will be celebrated at the Black Country Living Museum where a replica of the engine is on show.

A lecture by the television scientist, historian and presenter Adam Hart-Davis is scheduled for July 14, 2012 and other events are planned. But a rival celebration to mark Wolverhampton's controversial claim may also be staged. The event at the Tipton Road museum vindicates John Allen, the 85-year-old former chairman of the Midland branch of the Newcomen Society.

His paper, which was published nearly 20 years ago, located the steam engine in Coneygree coalworks within sight of Dudley Castle itself.

But it is a blow for Suhail Rana, chairman of Wolverhampton Civic and Historical Society, who championed Wolverhampton's case in a rival paper published two years ago.

Mr Rana believes the first Newcomen engine stood in Wolverhampton, off the Willenhall Road.

"In my view, the argument was quite a ridiculous thing," Mr Allen of Stourton said today. "I believe the Society has fully accepted the Dudley case."

Mr Rana said: "I am hoping to start the Wolverhampton Newcomen Engine Group soon to start looking at how we will be celebrating the event in Wolverhampton."

Research

He said the issue should be settled at an open debate between him and Mr Allen at the Society, "so that members can judge which case is stronger."

The Black Country Living Museum has confirmed that it would be hosting the 2012 celebration. "For us as a museum, this is a really big thing," said the venue's director of collections, learning and research, David Eveleigh. He added that he was "absolutely" convinced over Dudley's claim to the 1712 engine.

Campus marking 75 years

DUDLEY College will be celebrating the 75th birthday of its Broadway campus later this month, having opened the doors to its first students in March 1936.

To help celebrate, the college is appealing for ex-students and staff to share their stories about the time they spent there.

The college would also like to dispaly old photographs at the envent.

Anyone interested in sharing their stories and pictures of their time on the campus should contact Sharon Tipton on 01384 363549, or email events@dudleycol.ac.uk.

The deadline for contributions is tomorrow (Friday).

Housing market still low

INCREASING numbers of homes were sold in the West Midlands last month, but overall demand remains low, according to figures from experts at the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

Newly agreed sales, seen as a good indicator of the property market, saw a notable upturn in February.

Eleven per cent more of surveyors throughout the region reported a rise rather than a fall in activity, a significant improvement on the minus 14 per cent figure recorded in January and the first positive figure since September.

Prolific author is in print again

A DUDLEY author has written her way on to the shelves of a popular Stourbridge book store.

Viv Turner's collection of memoirs, entitled A Friendship Remembered, is now available at Books Unlimited, on Lower High Street, for £15.

The book traces Viv's 30 years travelling around the country researching locations and plot lines for Malcolm Saville.It is the latest release from the author who has produced more than 100 books.

Restaurant proves it has golden touch

A RESTURANT in Halesowen has been awarded a gold star from a national children's charity after helping to raise more than £150,000.

The Foxhunt Harvester, on Hagley Road West, received the accolade after they helped the family-run chain raise the cash over five years for the UK's Make-A-Wish Foundation.

A special certificate has been awarded to the charity to mark the achievement.

Matthew Turner, manager of the Foxhunt, said: "We feel very honored to be named a gold supporter of Make-A-Wish because it is such a fantastic cause, making a real difference to children and young people across the country.

"Last year we helped Harvester raise £50,000 by encouraging our guests to make a £2 donation."

Make-A-Wish Foundation grants magical wishes to children and young people fighting life-threatening illnesses.

Charity shop gets a big facelift

Mary Stevens Hospice shop in Gornal Wood was open again on Friday following a refurb. From left is Cllr Anne Millward, shop manager Gemma Hemmings and Lisa Jones of Dudley Building Society

A CHARITY shop in Gornal held a coffee morning to celebrate unveiling their brand new look.

The Mary Stevens Hospice shop, on Louise Street, has undergone a top-to-bottom refurbishment with new walling, shelves and display units installed.

They combined the coffee morning, funding by Dudley Building Society, with the reopening, which was attended by Councillor Anne Millward.

Fantastic

Shop manager Gemma Hemmings said customers had given the new look a great reception.

"It looks fantastic and it does justice to the donations we get," she added.

Dudley Building Society also donated a cheque of £200 to the Stourbridge-based hospice.

This added to the £5,000 recently raised by their Save and Sponsor savings account, which helped fund the annual Tree of Light service.

Cells fail to meet safety standard

VIRTUALLY every police cell in the West Midlands force failed safety tests, inspectors say.

Many of the older cells contained ligature points which detainees could use to harm themselves, a joint report by prison and force inspectors found.

And one custody suite in central Birmingham was "inherently unsafe", with restrictions imposed on the number of improvements that could be made due to its Grade II listed status.

"Virtually every cell surveyed across the estate failed to pass our safety examination – there were numerous ligature points and health and safety monitoring was inconsistent," the report said.

Investment

Despite substantial investment, the 51 cells at Steelhouse Lane, Birmingham, were poor, with restrictions imposed by English Heritage preventing authorities from replacing cell doors.

"This custody suite was inherently unsafe," inspectors said.

Elsewhere across the West Midlands, many custody suites contained clinical and forensic equipment that was out of date.

West Midlands Police said inspectors "expect very high standards of safety in all cells and do not differentiate between old and new cells in terms of building design and safety standards".

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Jobs joy in £30m export contract

Julian Turner, Baroness Sayeeda Warsi and (back left to right) chairman Frank Turner, technical director Paul Faithfull and Dudley South MP Chris Kelly

A DUDLEY sports car manufacturer is aiming to more than double its workforce after signing a £30 million-a-year international deal.

Westfield Sportscars Ltd, based in Kingswinford, will be recruiting between 35 and 50 new staff over the next year after sealing a deal with Malaysian company DRB-HICOM. The announcement was made during a visit by Baroness Sayeeda Warsi.

The baroness, co-chairman of the Conservative Party and Minister without Portfolio, was given a tour of the Westfield workshop including the chance to see prototypes of new cars – among them the world's first electric sports car.

"Westfield Sportscars is a great example of a company which is rooted in the local community, but is looking to trade worldwide," the minister said.

Development

"What this Government is interested in is not only getting out of the way of development by reducing the amount of bureaucracy, but by supporting businesses in such a way that sends a message out to the rest of the world that Britain makes some fantastic products."

Westfield managing director Julian Turner, aged 33, told the minister that the Malaysian deal would be a huge boost to the company.

He said the visit by Baroness Warsi had been very positive.

"It's always great to be able to show someone around and show them what it is we do, as well as raise any concerns," he added.

"The deal with the Malaysian firm will add around £30m a year to our turnover.

"This will in turn pass on to our suppliers, 80 per cent of which are also in the West Midlands. It will be a real boost to the local economy."

Currently, 35 people are employed at the car maker's base in the Gibbons Industrial Park in Dudley Road, Kingswinford.

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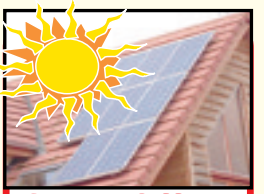

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Land train to link canal trust, zoo and museum

A LAND train will ferry visitors between three Black Country tourist attractions under new plans.

It will transport people from a new car park shared by Dudley Zoo, the Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Canal Trust.

It is part of the £2million Transforming Dudley project and a bid for funding has been submitted to the Government's Regional Growth Fund. Zoo board chairman Councillor David Sparks said members were hopeful of securing the cash for the scheme, which would see the creation of a joint visitor entrance.

"This project will see the car park extended and the former freight line site redeveloped to create a combined entrance point.

"The three attractions are going to be linked by land train – a train made up of a tractor type vehicle and wagons. It will make it a lot easier for people to move between the three sites because at the moment they have to go to three separate car parks.

"It is all about encouraging more people to visit and making sure they visit all three attractions rather than just one or two," he said.

The new land train would be similar to the one which transports visitors within the zoo and castle grounds, added Councillor Sparks.

The exact route for the land train has not been decided but it could follow a route across land which leads from Dudley Zoo car park to the back of the museum before crossing a bridge near the canal trust boarding point.

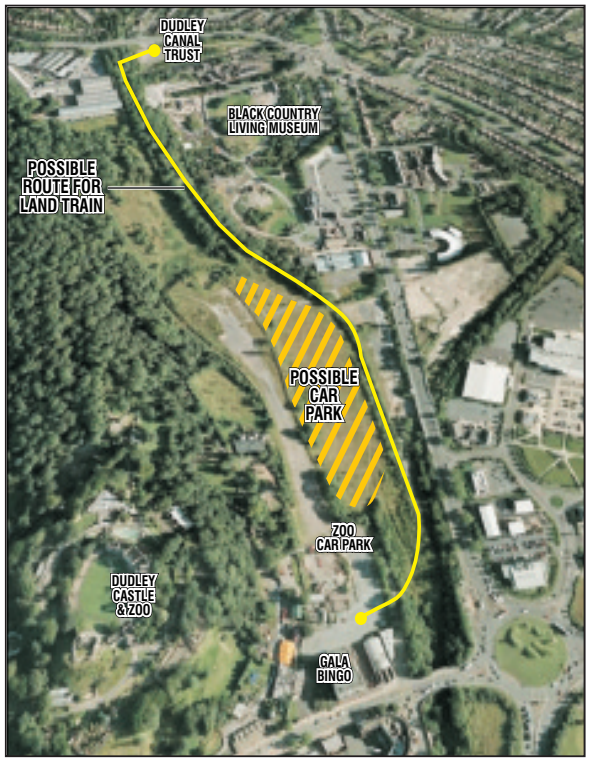
Tickets

The disused former railway track has been earmarked for an extension to the Midland Metro.

There are also plans for a new link road which would run from near the Trading Post premises in Castle Hill to the back of the museum in nearby Tipton Road.

It follows plans to introduce joint tickets for the attractions to help double visitor numbers and bring in millions of pounds in extra revenue. The initiative would allow people to buy one ticket covering a set number of days, valid for entry to the three sites.

The Dudley Zoo land train will serve new car park



An aerial view of a possible route for the planned new land train for visitors

60p fare for Ring and Ride travellers

THOUSANDS of Ring and Ride users in the West Midlands will be hit with daily charges to help raise almost £1 million towards running the service, transport bosses have agreed.

The 60p single fare will be introduced from April to avoid around eight per cent of journeys being axed to cover a £930,000 cash shortage.

More than 30,000 elderly and disabled people use Ring and Ride across the region and a consultation process said 90 per cent would rather be charged than have fewer buses.

Members of passenger transport authority Centro last week agreed to impose the fee for a year.

Slashed

However, the move will come under review after six months.

Ring and Ride started in 1983 and is operated by the West Midlands Special Needs Transport charity. It receives funding from the seven regional councils but due to budget cuts, financial support has been slashed.

If fares were not introduced it could have meant stopping one in 12 buses, axing the Sunday evening services, or reducing night trips.

Up to 40 jobs would also have been at risk at the charity.

It has put forward £1.5m from its own reserves towards running Ring and Ride over the next 12 months.

Annual race plans

THE second annual Wombourne Half Marathon is likely to take place on June 5 this year, it has been announced.

South Staffordshire Council's leisure services manager Tony Ward also confirmed that the fundraiser will start from outside Wombourne Leisure Centre on the day.

He said the date was provisional at the moment but organisers are confident it will be confirmed once negotiations with police have been completed.

He said: "It has not been signed off. The organisers need to speak with police to get agreement on road closures but we understand it will be June 5."

Organisers have been working to secure a date for the event for several weeks.

Parking fears on route for buses

CARS are being parked on a blind bend, causing a risk to other vehicles including buses on a main road in Dudley.

Motorists are flouting parking laws by leaving their cars on double yellow lines in Clarence Street, Upper Gornal, while they visit shops in the area, it is claimed.

Because of the bend in the road, oncoming drivers are unable to see the cars until the last moment, leaving little time to react.

The spot is also near a bus stop and several "near misses" between buses coming across the parked cars have been reported.

Smaller

Dudley Council and police have already taken action.

Parking tickets are being issued to drivers parking wrongly.

And the council has even provided a small car park on the opposite side of the road to ease the situation.

But drivers are continuing to flout the restrictions and leave cars where they pose a risk, it is claimed.

Councillor Doreen Ameson said it was a matter of time before there was a serious accident.

She added: "We desperately need these thoughtless motorists to think about what they are doing.

"This is on a bus route and there is a stop nearby."

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Barnado's Wheels manager Ian Hinksman, left, who says the project gives youngsters the opportunity to learn new skills, and, right, Liam Evitts at work on one of the cars

How tinkering with cars put troubled Liam on right road

Liam Evitts works on a bike under the eye of mechanic project worker Brian Andrews

A project in the Black Country helps youngsters who struggle to cope with mainstream education. **ALEX WAINWRIGHT** talks to one of its successes

Life as a student is not always easy, especially if you are seen as a trouble maker or the class clown.

Liam Evitts, a 15-year-old from Netherton, knows how this feels. Although he was a bright student, he got bored easily and was often in trouble.

He was also regularly in trouble out of school with the police for minor offences.

But Liam has now turned his life around with the help of a mechanics project in Stourbridge where he has learnt new skills and values that have given him a fresh outlook on life.

At the age of 10 Liam was diagnosed with ADHD, a chemical imbalance in the brain which affects attention, concentration and impulsivity, and was put on medication to treat the condition.

At school he was disruptive and excluded several times. He was kept back a year and his behaviour got worse, and after striking a teacher, he was permanently excluded.

Liam says: "I don't know why I did it. I just liked the attention in class I suppose."

Eventually he was offered a place at the Barnado's Wheels project, on Rufford Road, Stourbridge.

Wheels aims to turn the lives of youngsters around who struggle with mainstream education. It provides them with motor mechanics training while keeping up with core skills like numeracy and literacy. Most youngsters attend the project a few days a week, but Liam spends five days a week there.

"I didn't really want to come to Barnardo's, but when I got here it was all right," he says. "I already knew some people and now I really enjoy it."

There are around 90 youngsters aged 14 to 16 who attend the project, and although it is mainly boys, there are three girls enrolled.

They are all from the Dudley borough and surrounding areas, like Kidderminster and Sandwell.

The purpose of the project is to re-engage youngsters and give them the skills to go on to further education or employment.

The staff also work in partnership with the schools the youngsters attend to try to improve their situations.

The youngsters get hands on experience with cars to learn mechanics, and are also taught the theory side so they can get a motor mechanics qualification. Project manager Ian Hinksman thinks it is important to give youngsters the opportunity to learn new skills. "Learning a trade is crucial, and doing this teaches them about working life," he says. "Even though they might not go on to be mechanics, they still learn so many transferable skills."

In the workshop there are around 12 to 15 youngsters at a time, and they get to put forward their own ideas on what to do with the cars and bikes.

Interesting

They are currently working on a project to build a working banger car, which if they get to work they will be able to drive off road on some nearby farm land which they have permission to use.

To be able to do these projects, Wheels is always looking for donations of vehicles and mechanics tools and are currently appealing for donations.

Liam likes these projects, which he finds interesting and which give him more variety. He says: "I enjoy projects where I can do my own thing. Like building the banger car, it's good fun. I like working on bikes the most.

"I do sometimes get bored because I know what I'm doing now, so I don't really enjoy changing things like brakes all the time.

"But because I know what I'm doing I help people out now. Being in the workshop makes you know what work is. You know what to expect."

Liam has passed his Institute of Motor Industry Level 1 examinations and is now looking to do the same with his numeracy and literacy exams in May.

The numeracy and literacy classes are small and youngsters learn the subjects in a way that engages them. A numeracy class might involve maths problems about car engines, or how to book the cheapest holiday.

Mr Hinksman says: "We're really flexible and keep them engaged, everything is very hands on. Instead of them being one person in a class of 30, they're one in a class of six."

The project also makes sure good relationships are kept between the staff and youngsters. Mr Hinksman says: "We call them by their first names and they call us by our first names."

Liam agrees. "You get treated like an adult here. If you give respect, you get it back," he says.

Mr Hinksman admits the behaviour of youngsters does not automatically change when they come to the project. He says: "It doesn't just stop straight away, it happens gradually. But we do see so many positive results."

Since being at Wheels, Liam kept himself out of trouble. Instead of being out on the streets he now spends time at his time at friend's houses. He now wants to go on to further education at college.

"I'm not sure what I want to do," he says. "I think I want to work with kids. Maybe helping disabled kids or help kids who are struggling to turn their lives around."

Although Liam might not want to do mechanics in the future, he has no doubts about how much the project has helped him.

Liam said his future would have been him on the dole living with his mum, or maybe worse.

He says: "If I hadn't come here I'd have a criminal record and definitely be in a youth offending institute by now."

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Samuel Cook – popular reformer

The interior of FW Cook's drapery depeartment, pictured around 1910

FW Cook when he was Mayor, 1906

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Notice of the store opening

The rebel with a clause

Dudley reformer who sold cloth, gave away hope to thousands and challenged rules of royal succession

Cook's department store which used to be in Dudley High Street, pictured here in 1900

PEOPLE still remember FW Cook in Dudley – one of the Black Country's first department stores.

However, the man behind the the shop was a rebel who challenged the government and church, and became popular with miners and nailers in Dudley.

It was in the late 1820s when Samuel Cook became a Chartist and started fighting for equality among men and women – including calling for a change to the rules of succession.

MPs recently called for a change to the principle of primogeniture, as spelled out by the 1701 Act of Settlement, so that male children male children would no longer have preference over their older sisters when it came to inheriting the throne. Under present rules, any son born to William and Kate would take to the throne, even if the couple had a daughter first.

Andy Bytheway, curator at Dudley archive service, says the history of Cook's began in 1819 when Samuel opened Gibraltar House in High Street, Dudley.

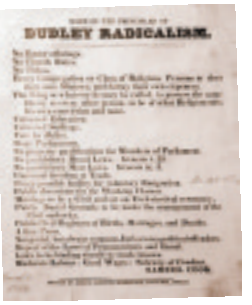
"Samuel Cook was a colourful and forceful character and he announced to the people of Dudley that he had opened a draper's shop in the town," says Andy.

"With his stern look, piercing eyes and mutton-chop whiskers he was a rebel prepared to joust with authority on behalf of the townsfolk.

"His business selling drapery did well but was obviously too narrow a career for him so he took on the role of public reformer."

SOME of the causes he fought for included early closing for shops, equality of women, miners being paid a fair wage, for every man to have the vote and for anyone, rich or poor, to be able to stand for parliament.

"In 1827 he was arrested and charged with libel as he had plastered the town with posters calling for fair pay for miners and nailers, which led to riots in the town," says Andy.



DUDLEY RADICALISM.

The document which landed Samuel Cook before the court

"It was one of the biggest scandals of his lifetime but afterwards he became more popular than ever."

Samuel was charged with 'writing and publishing in his shop window at Dudley certain false, seditious and scandalous libels tending to inflame the minds and alienate the affections of the people of His Majesty the King and the excite them to traitorous insurrections against the government'.

Travelling home, after facing a judge at Worcester Assizes, Samuel was met at Stourbridge by a horse-drawn carriage, a brass band and a huge crowd of cheering people.

By the time Dudley's Top Church came into view, 40,000 of his supporters had joined the procession, including hundreds of miners and nailers.

Andy says: "Samuel was a devout Christian but he campaigned for voting rights against church rates, and actually refused to pay them himself. He helped to form the Dudley Political Union and he contested the Wolverhampton seat for parliament in 1847. He also gave several speeches on the equality of women in the 1855 General Election and continued his political work until his death in 1861."

After Samuel's death the business was eventually passed on to his grandson Frederick William Cook, whose name was on the front of the shop until it closed in 1983.

DETAILS of the FW Cook store have been uncovered at Dudley Archive Service during their plans to move from their present site at Mount Pleasant Street in Coseley to the Black Country Living Museum.

"Frederick, like his grandfather, took a leading part in Dudley affairs but in a more conventional way as he became mayor in 1906," says Andy.

"He was also an enterprising draper and a period of change and expansion began at the store.

"Not much could be done during the war years but in 1963 the new departments were created."

An article from 1974 about the department store says: "Ladies will find almost everything to suit their needs on the first two floors of Cook's, ranging from handbags and belts to fabrics, fashions, underwear, school uniforms, hats, furniture, bedding, floor coverings and numerous other interesting items. There is no need to dice with the traffic and rush from shop to shop to get your purchases. Here, they are all under one roof.'

The shop had a popular coffee lounge where "a man can relax with his paper while his wife browses round the store."

Andy adds: "The store closed in 1983 because no-one from the family's younger generation was available to take over the running of the business."

The store reopened the following year under the same name, but was made up of several independent concessions. It closed for good in 1988, and the building is now occupied by a takeaway restaurant, a supermarket and a nightclub and pool hall.

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the pulse

These boys nose they are wanted

SINCE shooting straight to number one last year Britain's newest heart-throbs – The Wanted are set to cause a stir on their first UK tour.

Having spent the last 12 months touring Europe the boys are back doing something funny for money as they spearhead Comic Relief's official single.

The single, Gold Forever, marks a day in your life you will never forget and with their debut release All Time Low topping the chart, last August, the Brit nominees are set for many more memorable times. Their tour, which kicks off on March 29, will see them grace the Wolverhampton Civic stage on April 11.

After forming in an East London pub the edgy-pop band have started as they mean to go on, working hard but partying harder.

Their rough and tumble energy and down to earth nature sets them well apart from the clichéd, ballad-singing boy band.

Tom, the eldest of the group at 22, said: "It is an absolute honour to be fronting the Comic Relief single.

"When we first started out none of us expected us to be doing something this huge so soon.

"The fun we have definitely shows through in Gold Forever, we do something funny everyday and we love a good party. We hope everyone will back the single.

"We're not like your regular boy band, we don't want to conform to that stereotype and we want our fans to see the real us and enjoy our unique sound.

"We've never been to Wolverhampton before but we know we have a lot of supporters from the city and we are very excited to finally come and meet them."

With over nine million plays of their videos on YouTube and more than 400,000 fans on Facebook the tour promises to be the first of many from one of the year's biggest break-through acts.

WIN

Your chance to meet star Taylor

ONE of America's biggest new singing stars, Taylor Swift, is coming to the West Midlands next week – and The Chronicle is offering one lucky reader and a friend the chance to meet the four-time Grammy winner and see her in concert at the LG Arena.

The 21-year-old will be in concert on Tuesday (22) as one of only three concerts in the UK in support of her new Speak Now album.

Known for her incredible high energy shows, Taylor Swift will be performing hits from her three albums including the chart-topping Love Story, You Belong To Me, Fifteen and Mine, as part of her 15-month, 107-date world tour.

She is the top selling digital music artist in history, had the best selling album of the year in 2009 and regularly tops both pop and country music charts in America. All this in less than five years since the singer, songwriter and actress from Pennsylvania made her debut.

● For your chance to meet the star and see her in concert at the LG on Tuesday evening, call us tomorrow (Friday March 18) on 01902 319571 between 10am and noon, and tell us the name of her latest album. The winner will be chosen that same day. We will require your name, address, email, mobile telephone number and date of birth. Anyone aged under 16 will have to be accompanied by an adult. Usual Chronicle rules apply and the editor's decision is final.

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Golden celebration of life on the most famous street

Left: The Russian State Ballet in action – the world-famous company can be seen at Wolverhampton Grand; above, Jo Mousley as the unforgettable Hilda Ogden in Corrie! at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre; and below, a scene from The Blues Brothers The Smash Hit Musical, which is running at Birmingham Hippodrome for six days from Monday

BIRMINGHAM'S New Alexandra Theatre is taking inspiration from the longest-running TV soap with Corrie! from Monday to Saturday, an affectionate celebration of 50 years of Coronation Street which got its premiere in Salford a year ago.

Former Street star Ken Morley (who played supermarket boss Reg Holdsworth) is the special guest narrator for the show, which recalls celebrated scenes from the soap's half century and was written by one of the show's scriptwriters, Jonathan Harvey.

The cast of six will take on several roles each to play such familiar characters as Ena Sharples, Elsie Tanner, Hilda Ogden, Bet Lynch, Jack and Vera Duckworth, Ken and Deidre Barlow, murderous Richard Hillman and trouble-prone Steve MacDonald.

Roald Dahl fantasy for children **George's Marvellous Medicine** continues at the Alex to Saturday and then former Surpreme Mary Wilson will appear as part of a classic soul double bill with **The Chi-Lites** at the theatre this Sunday night.

Movie musicals reign supreme at Birmingham Hippodrome where **Footloose The Dance Musical** is followed by **The Blues Brothers** for a six day run from Monday. No sooner has former Busted singer Matt Willis stomped his last on the Hippodrome stage on Saturday in the celebration of 1980s music, than the clock turns back to the sounds of 1960s R&B in the show with the incredibly long title.... **The All New Original Tribute to The Blues Brothers The Smash Hit Musical**. The suited and pork pie-hatted duo and some soulful guest singers will be belting out the sounds of Chicago and Detroit to Saturday in the show inspired by the cult 1980 movie from director John Landis.

After Wolverhampton Musical Comedy Company's production of Disney's **High School Musical** completes its run at Wolverhampton Grand on Saturday, the Lichfield Street theatre hosts **The Russian State Ballet** and Orchestra of Siberia. They perform The Nutcracker on Sunday (at 4pm), Romeo And Juliet on Monday evening and Swan Lake on Tuesday evening.

On Wednesday at the Grand songs from the shows, with particular attention to Les Miserables, will be performed by West End singers in **Beyond The Barricade** and on Thursday (24) Opera Della Luna perform Gilbert and Sullivan's comic operetta **HMS Pinafore**.

Sequel

Mind The Gap present an award-winning adaptation John Steinbeck's classic 'Great American Depression' drama **Of Mice And Men** at Wolverhampton's Arena twice today (Thu). Nobody's Perfect present the comedy **World Of Pain**, Rugeley writer Phil Preece's sequel

to his House Of Pain, tomorrow (Fri). Birmingham Rep, now on the road whilst its theatre is partly rebuilt, comes to the Arena on Monday with Lucy Caldwell's powerful new play about a dying child, **Notes To Future Self**. The play, the last directed for the Rep by outgoing artistic director Rachel Kavanaugh, won critical acclaim during its recent run in Birmingham.

Crescent Theatre presents Tennessee Williams' US Deep South drama **Cat On A Hot Tin Roof** at the theatre on Sheepcote Street in Birmingham from Saturday to March 26.

Orchestra

St Patrick's Day is marked by veteran Irish music greats **The Dubliners** tonight (Thu) at Birmingham Town Hall. Other concert highlights in the second city include English folk from **Kate Rusby** (Town Hall, Friday); Bollywood legend **Asha Bhosle** with sitar virtuoso Shujaat Khan (Symphony Hall, Friday); **The Australian Pink Floyd Show** (Symphony Hall, Monday); theatrical 10-piece performance orchestra **The Irrepressibles** (Town Hall, Tuesday); and jazz singer **Clare Teal** performs songs from the Great British Songbook with the BBC Big Band on Friday, March 15, at the Town Hall.

Get ready for a long night at Dudley Concert Hall when veteran comedian **Ken Dodd** holds court on Saturday night, or head over to Stourbridge Town Hall for a Command Performance by spoof variety veteran **Count Arthur Strong**.

Pole-dancing girls, night out comedy **The Naked Truth** features Emmerdale's Claire King, former West End Hairspray star Leanne Jones, Maureen Nolan and ex-Liberty X singer Michelle Heaton, and is at Stoke's Regent Theatre from Wednesday to the following Saturday. It then visits the Alex on April 26 and 27.

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6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Raymond Blanc's Kitchen Secrets. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** A Question of Sport. (R) **1.40** Outside TV (R) **2.00** Live Six Nations: Rugby Union. Scotland v Italy (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.40** Live Six Nations: Rugby Union. Ireland v England (Kick-off 5.00pm). John Inverdale presents coverage of this evening's decisive match at the Aviva Stadium in Dublin.

7.15 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.30 Live Six Nations: Rugby Union. France v Wales (Kick-off 7.45pm). Gabby Logan presents coverage of the final match of this year's championship, staged at the Stade de France in Paris.

10.00 The National Lottery: Saturday Night Draw. Jenni Falconer presents the all-important Lotto, Thunderball and Lotto Plus 5 draws.

10.10 BBC News; Weather.

10.20 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of today's Premier League clashes, including Manchester United v Bolton Wanderers and Tottenham Hotspur v West Ham United. National Lottery Update.

11.10 The Football League Show. Highlights and all the goals from today's fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two, including Millwall v Cardiff City at the New Den; Weatherview.

12.15 BBC News.

BBC2

9.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.15** Diagnosis: Murder. (R) **12.40** Film: The Man from Laramie. (1955) Western, starring James Stewart. **2.40** Into the West. (R) **3.00** Churches: How to Read Them. (R) **3.40** Final Score. **4.15** Priceless Antiques: Roadshow. **4.45** Escape to the Country. (R)

5.15 Flog It! Making a profit at auction. (R)

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7.00 Dog's Away. The cartoon canine on a firing range. (R)

8.00 The Art of Tommy Cooper. The life and work of the comedian. (R)

8.30 The Story of Variety with Michael Grade. Part one of two. The popularity of variety shows in the post-war years.

9.30 Christopher and His Kind. Period drama, starring Matt Smith and Toby Jones. Novelist Christopher Isherwood sets out on a journey of self-discovery in 1930s Berlin after a failed love affair.

11.00 The Thirties. Henry's pleasure at the conclusion of the siege of Boulogne proves short-lived.

11.50 ICC Cricket World Cup Highlights. Bangladesh v South Africa and Australia v Pakistan.

12.50 Film: Q&A. (1990) Police thriller, starring Nick Nolte.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **9.25** CITV. **9.25** Coronation Street. **10.00** This Morning: Saturday. **12.00** Mork. **1.00** ITV News; Weather. **1.05** You've Been Framed! (R) **1.45** Film: Doc Hollywood. (1991) Comedy, starring Michael J Fox. **3.45** Film: Evan Almighty. (2007) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Carell. **5.55** Regional Programmes.

6.00 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 How You've Been Framed! Featuring a glider caught on a chair lift.

7.15 Harry Hill's TV Burp. Comic review of the week's small-screen highlights.

7.50 Auto: Dog's Prize for the Brave. Two families compete for a substantial cash prize.

8.35 Take Me Out. A triathlete, a property developer, a celeb executive and an electrician take part, and host Paddy McGuinness sees whether last week's couples clicked. Last in the series.

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10.00 FILE: Cruise Royale. (2008) Thriller, starring Daniel Craig.

11.20 ITV News; Weather.

11.35 FILE: Cruise Royale. (2008) Concluded.

12.35 The Zone: ITV News Headlines. **1.00** Swingtown. (R) **1.35** ITV Nightscreen. **2.00** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 Sali Mali. (R) **6.15** The Hooks. (R) **6.00** The Hooks. (R) **7.00** The Track and Field Show. (R) **7.30** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.30** T4: Friends. (R) **9.30** T4: 4Music Favourites: Nicole Scherzinger. **9.55** T4: The Beckhams: Real Stories. (R) **10.55** T4: Glee. **11.55** T4: Great British Hairdressers. **12.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.50** Channel 4 Racing. **4.30** The Secret Supper Club. **5.30** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **6.00** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **6.30** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **7.00** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **7.30** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R)

8.00 The Political Slot. Labour's plans to stand up for young people's rights.

9.00 Channel 4 News.

9.30 Weeknights.

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10.00 River Cottage Every Day. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall champions the delights of fruit. (R)

11.00 Seven Ages of Britain. (R)

12.00 FILE: The Happening. (2008) Premiere. Horror, starring Mark Wahlberg.

1.40 Stand Up for the Week.

1.55 FILE: Hellbrain. (1988) Thriller, starring Brad Pitt.

4.55 Film: Melinda and Melinda. (2004) Comedy drama, starring Radha Mitchell. **6.45** Privileged. (R) **7.45** Reaper. (R) **8.45** Sali Mali. (R)

Channel 5

9.00 Milkshake! **10.00** The Family Recipe. (R) **10.15** UEFA Europa League Highlights. **11.00** The Gadget Show. (R) **12.00** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **1.00** Film: Jane Doe: How to Fire Your Boss. (2007) Murder mystery, starring Lea Thompson. **2.55** Film: Mona Lisa Smile. (2003) Drama, starring Julia Roberts. **5.05** Film: While You Were Sleeping. (1995) Romantic comedy, starring Sandra Bullock and Bill Pullman.

7.00 5 News Weekend.

7.15 NCIS. McGee is shocked to discover that a double murder appears to have been inspired by his latest novel – and realises one of his colleagues could become the killer's third target. (R)

8.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. The battered corpse of a woman is found in the desert, Nick joins the search for a missing person, and Warrick and Catherine uncover a cache of stolen art. (R)

9.00 CSI: NY. Evidence from a murder scene leads to a man from Flack's past, who reluctantly agreed to join the witness protection programme to testify against drug dealers.

10.00 CSI: Miami. Three arms smugglers are killed by a new hi-tech gun. (R)

11.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. **1.00** Your Sport. (R) **2.00** How Not to Decorate. (R) **3.00** Medic in Moments. (R) **3.30** Hank's Helpline. (R) **4.00** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **4.30** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.00** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2

3.20 Harry Hill's TV Burp 4.00 American Idol 7.00 Film: The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997) 9.20 Film: Mickey Blue Eyes (1999) 11.25 Celebrity Juice

ITV3

2.05 Jane Eyre 4.50 Midsomer Murders 11.05 Murder in Suburbia

ITV4

2.50 Film: Man Without a Star (1955) 4.40 Film: Mystery Men (1999) Comedy, starring Ben Stiller, William H Macy and Hank Azaria, including Pit Daily 7.00 The Professionals 8.00 Minder 9.00 Freddie Flintoff Versus the World 10.00 Ultimate Force 11.05 Film: Cyborg (1989)

BBC THREE

7.00 Don't Tell the Bride – The Vegas Wedding 8.00 Frankenstein's Wedding Live in Leeds 9.20 24 Hour Party People

BBC FOUR

7.00 Nature's Great Events 8.00 Agony & Ecstasy: A Year with English National Ballet 9.00 The Killing 11.00 Christopher Isherwood: A Berlin Foreigner 11.50 Twenty Twelve

E4

12.00 Hollyoaks 4.00 Make It or Break It 4.55 Friends 6.25 Glee 7.00 The Big Bang Theory 8.25 Friends 10.00 Film: The Sixth Sense (2001) An American drug dealer heads for Liverpool to make one last sale, with an accomplice working for his old boss in hot pursuit. Action comedy, with Samuel L Jackson and Robert Carlyle. 11.50 The Cleveland Show

FILM

2.15 Carry On Cabby (1963) 5.05 Say Anything (1989) 7.05 Son of the Mask (2004) 8.50 The Eagle: Special 10.00 In Bruges (2008) Two hitmen have a series of surreal misadventures while lying low in Belgium after a job goes tragically wrong. Black comedy, starring Colin Farrell and Brendan Gleeson. 11.05 Worry Man (2008)

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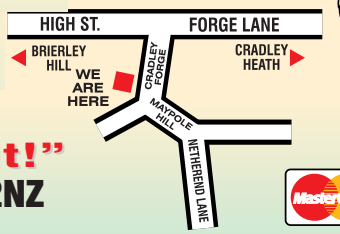

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BBC1

9.00 Breakfast. **9.25** Match of the Day (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Country Tracks. **12.00** The Politics Show. **1.00** EastEnders. **2.15** Weakest Link. **3.00** Bargain Hunt. **4.10** Escape to the Country (R) **5.10** Lifeline. **6.00** Songs of Praise. **6.45** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

9.00 Lloyd Grossman's Simple Suppers. Recipes for Thai spiced aubergines, chilli feta and a quick korma. (R)

9.30 The Best Thing I'm Still. Guy Martin wears his own bedsheets. (R)

7.00 Countryfile. Julia Bradbury and Julec Hudson visit the Lake Wynnay Estate in Powys.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. More valuations from Saltaire, West Yorkshire.

9.00 Wallander: Dead. Part one of two. A missing woman is found brutally murdered.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.15 Comic Relief Highlights 2010. Memorable moments from this year's fundraising event.

11.15 Stand Up for Comic Relief. Three broadcasters learn to be stand-up comedians.

11.55 Regional Programmes.

11.55 Wrestling: ITV The Super League Show. Action from the latest Super League matches.

12.25 Reggie Perrin. (R) **12.55** Local Balloon. (R) Weatherview. **1.10** Sign Zone: Fiction or Fiction. (R) **2.10** Holby City. (R) **3.10** Romancing the Stone: The Golden Ages of British Sculpture. (R) **4.10** BBC News.

BBC2

9.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. With Paul Whitehouse, Charlie Higson and Chris O'Dowd. **11.10** Film 2011 with Claudia Winkleman. (R) **12.00** Diagnosis Murder. (R) **12.55** Film: The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp. (1943) **3.30** Film: The Red Shoes. (1948) **5.00** The Spice Tail. (R)

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9.30 Live Electric. Matt Roberts presents coverage of the Qatar Grand Prix at the Losail International Circuit in Doha, where the opening race of the season takes place.

6.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May test-drive cars in Romania, as they search for a mountain highway built by the country's former dictator Nicolae Ceausescu. (R)

7.00 Wonders of the Universe. How gravity influences events across the universe.

10.00 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights: Chelsea v Manchester City.

11.00 ICC Cricket World Cup Highlights. Kenya v Zimbabwe and India v West Indies.

12.00 MotoGP. (R) **1.10** Film: The Blue Tower. (2008) **3.00** BBC News. **3.10** The Super League Show. **4.00** Close.

ITV1

9.00 CITV. Mini CITV. **12.15** CITV. **12.15** May the Best House Win. (R) **12.45** House Gift. (R) **11.10** This Morning Sunday. **12.10** Dinner Date. (R) **12.15** ITV News; Weather. **1.15** Film: Columbo: By Dawn's Early Light. (1974) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Patrick McGoohan. **4.45** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.45** Regional Programmes. **6.00** ITV News; Weather.

9.30 Harry Hill's TV Burp. Comic review of the week's small-screen highlights. (R)

9.00 Broadway on Ice. Philip Schofield and Holly Willoughby present the semi-final, as the four remaining celebrities battle it out for a much-coveted place in next week's final. The results can be seen at 8.30pm.

8.30 Drama Drama! Our Night Out. The band perform their biggest hits and new songs for a studio audience.

7.30 Broadway on Ice: The Show Off. Philip Schofield and Holly Willoughby announce the finalists.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 Loch's Drama. (R)

11.15 Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union

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12.00 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.00** Film: Highlander. (1986) Fantasy, with Christopher Lambert. **4.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.00** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

9.00 The Treasure People. (R) **9.00** The Hoobs. (R) **9.45** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** FIS Freestyle World Ski Championships. **7.55** That Paralympic Show. (R) **8.55** T4: Friends. (R) **9.25** T4: Friends. (R) **9.50** T4: Hollyoaks. **11.00** T4: Friends. (R) **11.10** T4: Glee. (R) **12.10** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **12.35** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.40** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.30** Four in a Bed. (R) **4.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **4.30** Deal or No Deal. Game show, with Noel Edmonds. **5.00** Time Team. A Leicestershire stately home with a colourful past.

9.30 Channel 4 News.

9.55 Weather. The role of Islamic culture in British society.

7.00 Come Dine with Me. The dinner party challenge heads to Nunneaton.

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8.00 Civilisations: Is the West History? The contrasting fortunes of North and South America.

9.00 Country House Rescue. An 18th-century Georgian mansion in south-west Scotland.

10.00 FILE: Shooter. (2007) Action thriller, starring Mark Wahlberg.

12.15 The NME Awards 2011. (R) **1.15** The Strangest Hotel in Britain. (R) **2.00** The Family. (R) **3.10** Without a Trace. (R) **4.15** Reaper. (R) **5.15** Wogan's Perfect Recall. **5.45** 16 Golden Global

Channel 5

9.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **9.15** Rainy the Rainy Car. (R) **9.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **9.35** Fireman Sam. (R) **9.50** Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) **9.10** The Beeps. (R) **7.00** Mio Mao. (R) **7.50** Chico. (R) **8.25** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **8.55** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.00** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.20** Igam Ogam. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.25** Hank's Helpline. (R) **8.55** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **9.20** Family. (R) **9.55** Rupert Bear. (R) **10.00** Olivia. (R) **10.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **10.40** Gerald McBoing Boing. (R) **10.00** Camilla Kerslake Live. **10.30** Starlight: For the Children. (R) **11.00** Stanstead: The Inside Story. (R) **12.00** Cowboy Builders. (R) **1.00** Cowboy Builders. (R) **2.00** Film: Blood Alley. (1955) Action adventure, starring John Wayne. **4.15** 5 News Weekend. **5.20** Film: Hellfighters. (1968) Adventure, starring John Wayne.

9.00 FILE: Sunshine. (2005) Three US Navy fighter pilots have to prevent a malfunctioning computer-controlled jet from starting a war. Action adventure, starring Jamie Foxx and Josh Lucas.

7.00 FILE: Death Race. (2008) Premiere. Sci-fi thriller, starring Jason Statham.

11.10 FILE: Lionheart. (1988) Action thriller, starring Jean-Claude Van Damme.

1.00 Super Casino. **3.00** Your Sport. (R) **3.05** How Not to Decorate. (R) **3.10** Medic in Moments. (R) **4.00** Hank's Helpline. (R) **4.30** The Milkshake! Show. **4.45** Thomas & Friends. **4.55** Rainy the Rainy Car. (R)

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ITV2

12.05 Take Me Out 6.30 Film: Jurassic Park III (2001) 8.00 Child With Peaches Gelder 0.00 The Only Way is Essex: Totally Vajazzled 0.55 The Only Way is Essex Inside Video 10.00 The Only Way is Essex 10.45 Secret Diary of a Call Girl 11.20 Film: The Bourne Ultimatum (2007)

ITV3

3.50 Film: The Three Musketeers (1973) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Michael York 6.00 Midsomer Murders

ITV4

3.15 Film: All Quiet on the Western Front (1930) 6.00 Film: The Bank (1933) 8.00 Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union 0.00 Film: Jaws 3 (1983) 11.00 Freddie Flintoff Versus the World

BBC THREE

7.00 The Worst-Behaved Parents 8.00 Junior Doctors: Your Life in Their Hands 0.00 Becoming Human 0.50 EastEnders: Whitney's Story 10.00 Family Guy 10.45 American Dad 11.20 Becoming Human

BBC FOUR

7.00 The Story of Science – Power, Proof and Passion 8.00 The End of the World? A Horizon Guide to Armageddon 0.00 Electric Dreams 10.00 Film: Sin Nombre (2009) Premiere. A Honduran girl makes a dangerous journey to the US, while a Mexican teenager questions his loyalty to a street gang. Drama, starring Paulina Gaitan and Edgar Flores. 11.20 Strictly Movie Live: Come All You Dreamers

E4

3.55 Film: Taxi (2004) Comedy thriller remake, starring Gérard Lanvin. 5.55 Friends 7.00 30 210 8.25 Friends 10.00 Made Tube: Viral Ads 11.05 Sky Rimfire Year: 2000

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2.45 The Cassandra Crossing (1976) 5.20 Doctor in Distress (1963) 7.20 Hot Shots! (1991) 0.00 What Happens in Vegas (2008) 10.50 Tigerland (2000)

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Indulgence Manicure (1 Hour 15 mins) £30.00
(Inc. cuticle removal, exfoliation, Hot Paraffin Wax Treatment, relaxing hand mitts, hand and arm massage, finishing with nail shape & polish)

Pedicures

Pedicure To Go (Express 1/2 Hour) £12.00
(Inc. cuticle removal, nail file and shape & toe nail paint)

Deluxe Pedicure (1 Hour)
£22.00
(Inc. cuticle removal, foot scrub, foot soak, warm foot mitts, hard skin buff and removal, toe nail shape and polish)

Indulgence Pedicure (1 Hour 15 mins) £30.00
(Inc. cuticle removal, exfoliation, Hot Paraffin Wax Treatment, relaxing foot booties, hard skin removal, foot and calf massage, finishing with toe nail shape & polish)

Foot Soak and hard skin removal	£10.00
As above with toe nail paint.	£14.00

Other Services

Nail Tip Piercing per tip (Inc. Charm)	£3.00
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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Meerkat Manor. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. 2.30 Restoration Roadshow. (R) 3.00 Flog It. 3.45 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 4.30 Politics. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Royal Upstairs Downstairs. 7.00 Nicola Sarkozy: President Bling? 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 Raymond Blanc's Kitchen Secrets. 9.00 The Secret War on Terror. 10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Film: Cabaret. (1972) 1.20 An Island Parish. (R) 1.50 BBC News. 9.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 6.20 The Hoobs. (R) 6.45 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.05 Frasier. (R) 8.35 Friends. (R) 9.05 Supernanny USA. 10.00 The Good Wife. (R) 10.55 Relocation, Relocation. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 The TV Book Club. 12.30 Film: Africa Screams. (1949) 2.10 Cookery School. 2.40 Countdown. 3.55 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. 5.30 Coach Trip. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Dispatches: Train Journeys from Hell. 8.00 One Born Every Minute. 10.00 Hectors Chocolate Factory Peach. (R) 10.05 The Event. 12.05 Made on 4: Freddan Standard Originals Presents. (R) 12.35 Made on 4: 4Play: Diagram of the Heart. 12.50 European Poker Tour. 1.15 Rome: Want Built in a Day. (R) 2.35 Royal Deaths and Diseases. (R) 3.30 Codex. (R) 4.25 The Bible: A History. (R) 5.20 Chrono-Perambulator. (R) 5.35 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Meerkat Manor. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. 2.30 Restoration Roadshow. (R) 3.00 Flog It. 3.45 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 4.30 Politics. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Royal Upstairs Downstairs. 7.00 Wonders of the Universe. (R) 8.00 The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best. 9.00 Bible's Buried Secrets: Theories that suggest God had a female counterpart or wife. 10.00 Have I Got Old News for You. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Storyville – American Idol: Paragon. 1.00 BBC News. 9.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 6.00 Yo Gabba Gabba! (R) 6.25 The Hoobs. (R) 6.50 The Hoobs. (R) 7.15 Freshly Squeezed. 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.05 Frasier. (R) 8.35 Friends. (R) 9.05 Supernanny USA. 10.00 Brothers & Sisters. 10.55 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Film: Operation Amsterdam. (1959) Second World War adventure, starring Peter Finch. 2.05 Cookery School. 2.40 Countdown. 3.55 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. 5.30 Coach Trip. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Superdrive: vs Superkiddy Kids. 8.00 Hole My Beautiful Friends: New celeb, Katie Piper set out to help other people living with disfigurements. 10.00 Lily Allen: From Rickies to Rage. 11.05 The Big O. 11.45 School of Comedy. 12.15 UK & Ireland Poker Tour. 1.15 FIS Freestyle World Ski Championships. (R) 1.45 The Grid. (R) 2.10 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 2.40 Sailing. (R) 3.05 Ironman Triathlon. (R) 4.00 Triathlon: ITU World Championship Series Magazine. (R) 4.55 Full Metal Challenge. (R) 5.55 Yo Gabba Gabba! (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 The Budget 2011 George Osborne's Budget statement. 3.30 Flog It: Travels Around Britain's Rural Crafts. (R) 4.15 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 4.30 Politics. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Royal Upstairs Downstairs. 7.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 8.00 Great British Food Revival. 9.00 The Truth About Lions. 10.00 Mock the Week Again. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Budget Statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. 11.25 ICC Cricket World Cup Highlights. 12.25 News. 9.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 The Chancellor's Budget – An ITV News Special. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 The Chase. (R) 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather; Budget Statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 The Unforgettable: Sid James. (R) 8.00 Midsomer Murders. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: Mercury Rising. (1998) 12.40 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.45 Film: Perfect Strangers. (2004) 4.15 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 See Hear. 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. 2.30 Restoration Roadshow. (R) 3.00 Flog It. 3.45 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 4.30 Politics. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Royal Upstairs Downstairs. 7.00 Winnifrith's Wars. 8.00 A Farmer's Life for Me. 9.00 The British at Work. 10.00 The Grumpy Guide to Work. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Budget Response. (R) 11.25 ICC Cricket World Cup Highlights. 12.25 BBC News. 9.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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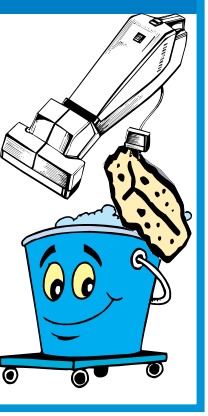

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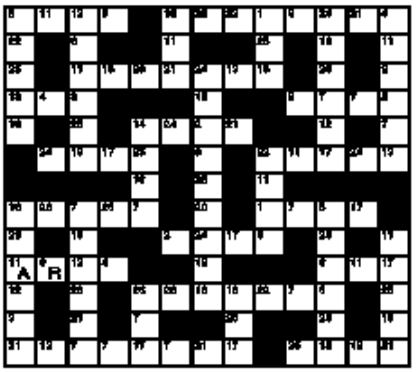

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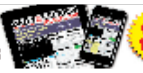

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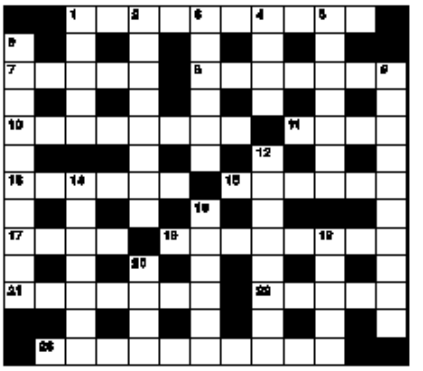
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues – both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Excellent start at school? (5,3)
7. They cause sutler ling observe great care (3)
8. It has no meaning (7)
10. People may have to put up with her (8)
11. An element of jazz in classical music (4)
13. It's not so hot in this lug (6)
15. Hot for a musical sailor (6)
17. Agreed, but says nothing (4)
18. It's not right having more surplus (4,4)
21. Takes good steps not to have to walk in the streets (7)
22. Get from the health I care about? (5)
23. If your cards are this, you can't count to eat them! (2,3,3)

Down

1. In the ignorance may make one pickerel (5)
2. Found the answer again, being deter mined (8)
3. A long speech from one in business (6)
4. Abandoned part (4)
5. A Parliamentary team? (7)
6. They presumably hope not to miss the post (10)
9. A chance one is fortunate to get (5,5)
12. Talks to many head tradesmen (8)
14. Scrap an aged gold club (3,4)
16. Afternoon service? (3,3)
19. Without it one is utterly incompetent! (5)
20. A thought the bald apparently conceals (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Aura (10)
7. Engine (5)
8. Untold (7)
10. Addressed (8)
11. Just (4)
13. Tumult (6)
15. Vaporise (6)
17. Supporter (4)
18. Effigy of Christ on the cross (8)
21. Ingredient (7)
22. Guide (5)
23. Excessively fussy (10)

Down

1. Left (5)
2. Circle shot (8)
3. Abrupt (6)
4. Clan (4)
5. Trusting (7)
6. Spotless (10)
9. Doubt (10)
12. Follower (8)
14. Ease (7)
16. Fault finder (6)
19. Stillness (5)
20. Thin (4)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS.

CRYPTIC - Across, 6 Lowbrow, 7 Troll, 9 Aha, 10 Debonair, 12 Tolmer flight, 15 Fourpenny, 17 Blunderers, 19 Tree, 21 Verse, 22 Counted Down. 1 Data, 2 Ella, 3 Isle, 4 Fruitless, 5 Stand by, 8 Sofas, 11 Pounds line, 13 Sugar, 14 Guarana, 16 Lunar, 18 Bath, 20 Ore.

QUICK - Across, 6 Zealous, 7 Aerial, 9 Tea, 10 Sensuous, 12 Close - range, 15 Olive Tree, 17 Sweetness, 19 Ale, 21 Pavement, 22 Reflect. Down, 1 Weird, 2 Sky, 3 Tram, 4 Fractious, 5 Frances, 8 Stamen, 11 Silver fox, 13 Aerial, 14 Chances, 16 Trials, 18 Swans, 20 Ale.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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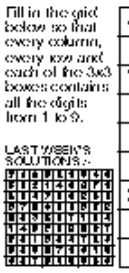
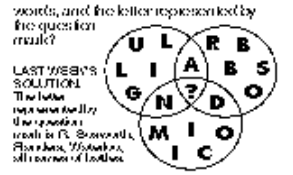


Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

The letter represented by the question mark is R. Screwball, Sheriffs, Wrestler, all courses of leather.

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Round-up

MANCUNIAN band Elbow, above, have won critical acclaim for their fifth studio album, Build A Rocket Boys!, released earlier this month. The Mercury Music Prize winners, for their classic album, The Seldom Seen Kid, will be in concert at Birmingham's NIA on Tuesday, March 22, with support from Irish band Villagers.

SINGER Rumer, right, who had a platinum-selling success with her debut album Seasons Of My Soul, comes to Birmingham Symphony Hall on Tuesday, March 22, as part of her first tour of major venues. Her new single, a version of David Gates' Goodbye Girl, is released on April 4. Tickets for her concert are priced £23.50.

IRISH rock trio The Script,above, will be celebrating St Patrick's Day in Birmingham at the LG Arena tonight (Thursday) at a sold out show as part of their major venue tour. A more traditional Irish music night will be held in the city's Town Hall where veteran folk group The Dubliners will be playing tonight. The present line-up of the group is Barney McKenna, John Sheahan, Seán Cannon, Eamonn Campbell and Patsy Watchorn.

Reviews

George's Marvellous Medicine, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham.

CHILDREN'S author Roald Dahl died 20 years ago but his work has never been more popular.

George's Marvellous Medicine is one of his slighter works but David Wood's adaptation is still full of the gleeful mischievous naughtiness that children love in Dahl's tales.

When farmer's son George's half-term holiday dedicated to reading his favourite books is ruined by the arrival of his ghastly gin-soaked battle-axe of a grandmother, he decides to take revenge by replacing her medicine with his own concoction.

Soon George is happily spooning a combination of toilet cleaner, horse tonic, shampoo and a dozen other equally unsavoury ingredients, into his demanding grandma's "mouth puckered like a dog's bottom".

The results are not what he expects, grandmother grows to giant proportions, and so do the farm animals when George's over enthusiastic farmer father decides to feed the marvellous medicine to the livestock too. Hence lots of being chased by an oversized chicken and a dramatic appearance by a gigantic bull.

The young audience, including school groups, at Birmingham on Tuesday was delighted to be complicit with George as he mixed up the 'medicine'.

This is a production designed to delight the under 10s with its frenetic action, animal puppets, repetition and audience participation. Though a nod to the nanny state comes with the post-show voice over advising the youngsters not to create their own medicines.

The cast of five put in plenty of effort, particularly Iain Ridley as an adult playing the child George, Benedict Martin as his hyperactive dad (who also manages to work in impressions of the Queen and The Pope) and Deborah Vale as the formidable grandmother, who also throws down a few cool dance moves when George imagines the perfect grandma.

The play continues to Saturday.

Leon Burakowski

High School Musical, The Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

ANOTHER triumph for The Wolverhampton Musical Comedy Company with their latest production, High School Musical.

There was an abundance of talent from the young cast in this exciting and energetic performance that meets the usual high standards from this company.

Denise Robinson's direction produced a fast moving pace with precise dance routines and awesome big musical numbers.

Tye Harris and Holly Stringfellow gave excellent performances as the two main leads and Kimberley Robinson and Pip Harper complemented them wonderfully.

Veronica Bould gave an outstanding performance and Stuart Sneade, Claudia Gilmore, Matthew Colley, Tom Winfield, Jade Reddall, Dexter Whitehead and Lucy Pollard all gave uplifting support.

Mention must go to the first class orchestra together with a strong production team.

Les Jowett

Footloose, Hippodrome, Birmingham

FOOTLOOSE exploded on to the stage with all the energy and excitement an 80s dance musical should have. Based on the 1984 film, the production told the story of city boy Ren who moved to small town Bomont only to find that dancing was banned, and he wanted to bring it back.

The all singing, all dancing production, directed and choreographed by Olivier award-winner Karen Bruce, had everything from light-hearted humour to heart-ache and sadness which drew in the audience.

The show's big name, Matt Willis, from pop group Busted, as Chuck, fitted the role effortlessly, proving he is not just a pop star.

It featured classic 80s hits, including the title track Footloose, and a show-stopping performance of Let's Hear It For The Boys from Jodie Jacobs as Rusty.

The energy of the cast lasted from start to finish, and the show ended with a compilation of the biggest dance numbers which encouraged to whole audience to get on their feet.

Alex Wainwight

Joe Longthorne, New Alex Theatre, Birmingham

WEAVING his magic with a sensational class act, Joe Longthorne had his adoring fans in raptures.

A huge cheer greeted him onto the stage as the audience stood up to show their love for him. Clearly moved by the welcome, it was warming to see the emotion on his face, all the more poignant after his fight against leukaemia.

The TV show Search for a Star put him in the spotlight and made him a household name, not only as an accomplished singer in his own right, but also a great singing impersonator and comedian.

Let Me Try Again was a perfect opening song that pulled at the heart strings and created the atmosphere for the rest of his performance.

His endless repertoire of voices includes hundreds of the world's top singers. Frank Sinatra, Shirley Bassey, Johnny Mathis, Neil Diamond, Barry Manilow and Tom Jones were just a few delivered with uncanny accuracy.

There were tears of laughter for his hilarious impressions of David Dickinson and his Dickinson's Real Deal colleagues. Finishing with a moving rendition of Wind Beneath My Wings, the entire audience were on their feet and many taking flowers and gifts to the front for him to receive.

Les Jowett

The Wombats, HMV Institute, Birmingham

IT certainly did not backfire at the disco for The Wombats. The decision to start the night with a new song might not have been the best one, but following up this shaky start with Kill the Director soon got the crowds jumping.

The Liverpool lads gave an enthusiastic performance of old classics and songs from their long-awaited forthcoming album, This Modern Glitch, and it was clear how much their fans loved every moment as their waves of screams engulfed the room.

They ended the gig with a crowd-pleasing encore of their new single Anti-D and a performance of their first single Let's Dance To Joy Division, which had the whole venue singing along.

Alex Wainwight

Richard Herring, Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton

CONTROVERSIAL comedian Richard Herring played out his well-thought and deeply funny one-man show to a near-full house. Following up his hit show Hitler Moustache with his next sideways offering Christ on a Bike – The Second Coming, Herring hit the spot with his own brand of clever and witty comedy.

The show, which is more like a monologue, explores the thoughts of Herring as he struggles to understand the Bible from his atheist view, and the meaning of a dream which involved a bicycle race with Jesus.

The 43-year-old, most famous for his part in double-act Lee and Herring, is effortlessly funny as he strips Christianity to the bare bones in a show that is squarely aimed at the open minded.

He split his time on stage into two 45-minute slots, using the first to explain what gave him the idea behind the show, and the second to dissect the plot of his dream as well as the Bible.

His *pièce de résistance* is something recycled from the original show, toured a full 10 years earlier, where he displays his intelligence and comedic ability by reciting the entire genealogy of Jesus, and still making it funny.

The likeable comedian supplied every seat in the house with a free programme packed full of witticisms and stories, which he promised to sign after the show, encouraged his audience to donate to children's charity SCOPE, which he has supported since 2003.

Jon Pritchard

Angelos Epithemiou & Friends, Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton

THE friends didn't show, and that's just as well judging by the photos Angelos showed of them on a big screen, particularly the one who hasn't blinked for three years.

Anorak wearing, plastic bag carrying Angelos Neil Epithemiou is a social misfit character created by Dan Renton Skinner, a creation who has found fame as a panellist and, more recently, score keeper on Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer's spoof TV quiz show Shooting Stars.

You probably wouldn't choose to sit next to Angelos on a bus but put him on a stage and you have nearly two hours of bumbling, mumbling fun, not bad for an act who boasts "three jokes and a dance".

He has problems with any word with more than three syllables – including Wolverrrmton – and uses exclamations more suitable for a teenaged girl, OMG!

We did also get a glimpse of DJ Epithemiou, clad in Adidas and blasting out techno, though he took the pace down for his favourite song to play at funerals, If You Don't Know Me By Now.

The former burger van owner introduced us to his dog, Tinned Tomatoes, and expressed himself through the medium of dance. The anorak and 4ft-long tie were shed in favour of a silver Lycra leotard for Mud's Cat Crept In and again, with the addition of a bushy tail, for Sweet's Fox On The Run. He left us with his words of wisdom "don't muck about" which, thankfully, is a maxim he completely ignores.

Leon Burakowski

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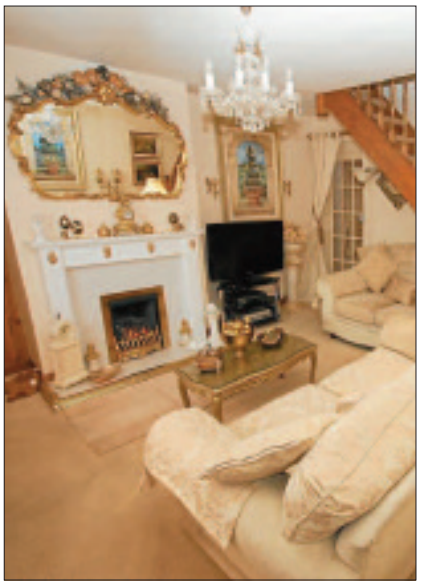

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The kitchen has windows to the front and rear with a utility area

Unique appeal of cottage dwelling

A DELIGHTFUL semi-detached cottage set in the quiet backwaters of Gornal is now available through Swinscoes estate agents for offers in the region of £159,000.

Located within easy walking distance of Gornal village, 3 Prices Road in Gornal Wood has pleasant rear gardens and ample off road parking and, according to the agent, is beautifully appointed and ideally suited to clients who prefer a house 'a little out of the ordinary.'

The house comes with no upward chain.

Approach is via a block-paved driveway providing off road parking suitable for two cars and a lawned area to the side.

Entrance is through a hardwood front door leading to a lounge measuring 14ft 6in x 13ft 6in.

Features here include a uPVC double-glazed window with leaded lights to the front, a feature fireplace with flame-effect gas fire, one central heating radiator, two ceiling light points, doors to a dining room and kitchen and open plan stairs leading to a landing.

The dining room's dimensions are 7ft 11in x 7ft 6in and there is a uPVC double-glazed window to the side, a ceiling light point and one central heating radiator.

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Features in the kitchen include uPVC double-glazed windows to the front and rear elevations, a range of wall mounted and floor cupboards with worksurfaces, a one-and-a-half bowl sink and drainer, integrated gas hob and electric oven, extractor hood, splashback tiling, ceramic tiled floor, space for a fridge/freezer and one central heating radiator with ceiling light point in a room with dimensions of 11ft 10in x 8ft 11in.

The utility, measuring 11ft x 3ft 10in, has two uPVC double-glazed windows, plumbing for a washing machine and a door to the rear garden.

Once upstairs, the landing includes an access hatch to a part-boarded loft, doors to the bedrooms and a bathroom.

Bedroom one measures 14ft 1in x 10ft 3in and has a uPVC double-glazed window, a ceiling light point, central heating radiator and walk-in wardrobe.

The second bedroom overlooks the front and measures 8ft x 7ft 11in.

To the side is the bathroom with a uPVC double-glazed window and modern white suite including a bath, walk-in shower cubicle, low-level flush WC, wash basin, central heating radiator and two wall light points. The room measures 13ft 6in x 6ft 6in.

Further information is available online at www.swinscoes.co.uk or call 01384 455755 to arrange a viewing.

A large block-paved driveway provides ample parking at 3 Prices Road in Gornal

Hammering home the bargains at auction

ANYONE who likes the idea of buying a dozen flats in a single block need simply head to the next Countrywide auction in Birmingham at the end of this month, March 29).

For starters, there's a guide price of just £260,000-£280,000 for a block in the Wood End district of Coventry. And, after extensive repairs have been completed, the new owner will have to arrange an extension of the leasehold, which is down to 79 years – far too low to get a mortgage.

The same Birmingham sale also includes a one-bedroomed first floor flat in Worksop, Nottinghamshire (guide £18,000-£22,000), a former Masonic hall in Ledbury, Herefordshire (£50,000), and a three-bedroomed house in fine condition in Dudley, West Midlands (£75,000).

Investors could be tempted, because the rent on the current Assured Shorthold Tenancy is an impressive £580 per month.

In the same brochure, Countrywide's London sale (March 22) includes a two-bedroomed terraced house in the heart of Woolwich, south London (£150,000-£165,000), a detached three-bedroomed house close to the centre of Yeovil, Somerset (£420,000-£440,000), and a barn conversion in Dereham, Norfolk (£125,000) with renovation only half-completed.

Bidders could also snaffle an entire pub, with extensive accommodation which might provide regular B&B income – The Newbridge Inn in West Pinchbeck, Spalding, Lincolnshire, has a guide of £80,000-£85,000.

The third Countrywide sale in March (Glasgow, March 31), includes a two-bedroomed flat in Airdrie, north Lanarkshire (£23,0000), and a four-bedroomed detached home in the rather grand Glasgow suburb of Newton Mearns (£260,000-£265,000).

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A very well presented unfurnished three bedroom end terrace property in a popular residential location. The accommodation comprises of: Entrance hall, through lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, cloakroom with utility area. three bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from UPVC double glazing, gas central heating, front garden, rear patio and off road enclosed parking. UNFURNISHED DSS:NO SMOKERS:YES PETS: YES CHILDREN: YES

£525 PCM

DADFORD VIEW, BRIERLEY HILL

An extremely well presented two bedroom first floor apartment with accommodation to comprise : communal entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms and refitted bathroom. The property further benefits from electric heating, double glazing and allocated parking. UNFURNISHED D SS:NO PETS: MAY CONSIDER CHILDREN: MAY CONSIDER SMOKERS:NO

£495 PCM

WOOD ROAD, LOWER GORNAL

A traditional modernised Starter Home in established neighbourhood. Accomodation comprises Entrance Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Walk-In Understair Store, Outer Lobby and Seperate Lobby. Leading from a landing on the first floor are Two Bedrooms and a spacious Bathroom. The Property further benefits from Gas Central Heating , a partially lawned garden and off road parking. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO.

£495 PCM

BOWER LANE, QUARRY BANK

A three bedroom mid terrace property close to Merry Hill centre, Accommodation comprises: Lounge, dining room, rear lobby, fitted kitchen and bathroom, on the first floor are three bedrooms. The property further benefits from gas central heating, double glazing and an enclosed rear garden. UNFURNISHED. Available: Now

£475 PCM

ATTWOOD STREET, WOLLESCOTE

A well presented Two Bedroom mid-terraced property Accommodation to comprise: Lounge, Fitted Kitchen including cooker, Two Bedrooms and House Bathroom. This property also benefits from double glazing and central heating. Street Parking.UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS:NO SMOKERS: NO

£475 PCM

HUNGARY HILL, STOURBRIDGE

A very well presented three bedroom semi detached property in a local residential location. Accommmodation comprises of: Downstairs bathroom, kitchen and lounge, on the firts floor are three bedrooms. The property further benefits from gas central heating and double glazing, front and rear garden. UNFURNISHED DSS:NO PETS:NO SMOKERS:NO CHILDREN: YES

£450 PCM

WILTSHIRE DRIVE, LYDE GREEN

A well presented and refurbished one bedroom first floor flat in a popular residential location. The accommodation comprises: Entrance hall with staircase to first floor landing, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom and Double Bedroom. The property further benefits from GCH, Double Glazing and alocated parking. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN:NO SMOKERS: NO PETS: NO

£395 PCM

BEECH MEWS, OFF HIGHLAND ROAD

A one bedroom semi detached property situated in a quiet cul-de-sac. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. The property further benefits Gas central heating, double glazing and off road parking. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: NO PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£385 PCM

OLD MILL FARMHOUSE, BROMSGROVE RD, CLENT

An Impressive Five Bedroom Property covering Three Storeys, being set in a Highly Sought After Rural Location. Accomodation comprises: Situated on the Ground Floor - Three Sitting Rooms, Kitchen, Utility, Downstairs WC and Lobby. The First Floor has Bedrooms One and Two, both with En-Suites and Bedroom Three in addition to En-Suite has a large Lobby. On the Second Floor are Bedrooms Four and Five, together with the Family Bathroom. In addition to a large Cellar there is a Double Garage, Storage Buildings and outside WC. The Property is approached by a Private Drive, leading to a Court Yard. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: YES SMOKERS: NO

£2500 PCM

HOLENDENE WAY, WOMBOURNE

An extremely well presented four bedroom detached property location in a popular residential location with accommodation to comprise: Reception hall, lounge, dining area, kitchen, four bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from gas central heating, double glazing. UNFURNISHED. Available: Now DSS: NO; CHILDREN: YES; PETS: NO; SMOKERS: NO

£1100 PCM

ALBERT STREET, LYE

A two bedroom period terrace property in popular residential location, to comprise, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, hallway, lobby and bathroom. The property also benefits from a rear garden. Currently being re-furbished. UNFURNISHED DSS NO CHILDREN YES PETS NO SMOKERS NO

£550 PCM

COLLIS STREET, AMBLECOTE

A much improved and well presented two bedroom end terrace. Having an arrangement of accommodation with many notable features including gas central heating and UPVC double glazing. The accommodation comprises: Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom and Two Bedrooms. UNFURNISHED DSS:NO CHILDREN: YES PETS:NO SMOKERS NO

£525 PCM

DEAN RD, WOMBOURNE, WOLVERHAMPTON

A Very Spacious Ground Floor Two Bedroom Apartment located in a delightful cul-de-sac close to Wombourne Village. Accomodation comprises: Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom and Separate WC. There are front lawns to the front of the property and Communal Gardens to the rear. Garaging may be available upon request. Unfurnished CHILDREN: No PETS: No SMOKERS: No DSS: No.

£525 PCM

THE QUARTER, CLARENCE ST, LOWER GORNAL

An extremely well presented two bedroom terrace property situated in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises of lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from gas central heating, double glazing and allocated parking. UNFURNISHED DSS:May Consider CHILDREN:YES PETS:NO SMOKERS:NO

£525 PCM

THE QUARTER, CLARENCE ST ,UPPER GORNAL, DUDLEY

An extremely well presented two bedroom terrace property situated in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises of lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from gas central heating, double glazing and allocated parking. Unfurnished DSS:May Consider CHILDREN:YES PETS:NO SMOKERS:NO

£525 PCM

HENZEL CROFT, OFF MOOR ST, BRIERLEY HILL

A Beautifully presented two bedroom 2nd floor apartment situated in a new development close to Brierley Hill and Merry Hill centres. The accommodation comprises: Communal entrance hall with entry phone system, private entrance hall, through lounge diner, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from double glazing, electric heating and allocated parking. UNFURNISHED DSS: No Children: Yes Pets: No Smokers: No

£515 PCM

WALTERS ROW

An extremely well presented two bedroom semi detached property situated in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises of Kitchen, lounge, Two bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from gas central heating, double glazing and off road parking. Unfurnished DSS:YES PETS:MAY CONSIDER CHILDREN:YES SMOKERS:YES

£500 PCM

THE BROADWAY, NORTON

A very well presented two bedroom first floor apartment in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises of Communal entrance hall, Private entrance hall, lounge with feature fireplace, kitchen with beech effect units and granite effect roll top, two bedrooms and bathroom with white suite. UNFURNISHED DSS:NO PETS:NO CHILDREN:MAY CONSIDER SMOKERS:NO

£400 PCM

CANTERBURY CLOSE, ROWLEY REGIS

A very well presented two bedroom apartment situated on the first floor. The accommodation comprises of entrance hall, lounge, kitchen and two bedrooms and bathroom with shower. The property also benefits from allocated parking space and communal grounds. UNFURNISHED DSS:NO PETS:MAY CONSIDER CHILDREN:MAY CONSIDER SMOKERS:NO

£395 PCM

FOXDALE DRIVE, BRIERLEY HILL

A well presented Two bedroom second floor Apartment situated in a popular residential location with a canal aspect to the front and accommodation to comprise of: Communual entrance and staircase leading to the second floor landing where there is a private entrance door to the hallway from which there is a lounge, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms and bathrooom The property further benefits from having electric heating, allocated parking and communual grounds. UNFURNISHED DSS: No CHILDREN: YES SMOKERS: NO PETS: NO

£395 PCM

VICTORIA COURT, VICTORIA ST., BRIERLEY HILL

An extremeley well presented one bedroom first floor apartment, situated close to Merry Hill and Brierley Hill town centre. The accommodation comprise of Lounge, fitted kitchen, one bedroom and bathroom. The property further benefits from off road parking and communal gardens. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN :NO PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£385 PCM

ST GEORGES ROAD, NETHERTON

An extremely well presented one bedroom starter home with easy access to Dudley Town Centre. Accommodation comprises: Entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, double bedroom and bathroom. The property further benefits from gas central heating and majority double glazing. UNFURNISHED DSS:NO PETS:YES CHILDREN:NO SMOKERS:YES

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An extremely well presented one bedroom first floor apartment sitiuated in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises of Lounge, kitchen, bathroom and bedroom. The property further benefits from storage heating, double glazing and allocated parking and communal gardens.
Unfurnished DSS:NO CHILDREN:NO PETS:NO SMOKERS:NO

£370 PCM

THE WORKSHOP, TOYS LANE, HALESOWEN

Single storey brick built workshop premises previously used as joinery workshop and apparently with 3 phase electricty. Height to eaves is approximately 9' 7" (2.9 m) with entrance doors, w,c, and lean to, corrugated sheeted storage area and shared gated access. Gross internal area: Workshop approximately 847 sq ft (79m/ sq.m)Lean to approximately 461 sq.ft (43m sq.m) All offers considered

£250 PCM

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TOYOTA VERSO-S

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Toyota courts 'empty nesters'

YOU are unlikely to see any 'Saga' drivers trying out their new Verso-S on the local race track – but that is not to say this new mini-MPV is unworthy of the Toyota badge.

Between 1999 and 2006 Toyota sold more than 150,000 of the Yaris Verso in Europe, but then dropped the model.

Since then the increasing number of affluent 'Saga' empty nesters wanting a car that offered high seating, easy entry and egress in a well-built, comfortable and reliable car have had to look elsewhere

So the market has been filled by a number of other makes including the Honda Jazz, Nissan Note, Kia Venga and Hyundai ix20.

But now Toyota has bounced back into the market, and is even offering the Verso-S at a special introdu ctory price for the next six months. The new model is based on the latest version of the Yaris, but is being built in Japan rather than France.

There are just two models to choose from, both with the same 1.3 litre 98PS petrol engine delivering only 125NM torque. So it is hardly going to win any acceleration races and needs all six ratios of its six speed manual gearbox, or if you prefer it, the automatic CVT-7 version, to make reasonable progress.

In the CVT version you can just put the car in Drive and let it choose its own ratios, although I did find this version noisier than the manual. Surprisingly, it is more economical than the manual version.

However another advantage of this version is that it is the only automatic MPV of this size to fall into the £30 a year tax bracket – the manual is £90 a year to tax.

The car offers five comfortable fully belted seats, split rear seats that fold with just one touch, a lipless rear sill with between 393 and 336 litre of load space (more than enough for the weekly shopping trip or weekend away).

There are two trim models to choose from – the TR and the T-Spirit. The T-Spirit has even more bootspace because instead of a space saver spare it has a tyre repair kit and that makes 429 litres of space. This is because the T-Spirit comes with a super glass panoramic roof that stretches from front to rear of the car. But it is heavier than a metal roof. So to compensate Toyota dropped the spare wheel. You can always buy the spare wheel as an extra and that will not increase the car tax.

The Verso S is cheap to run, easy to drive and comfortable – but no diesels are on offer. It is wel mequipped in both forms and has bags of room for the shopping

Central locking

Both models are well equipped – all have height adjustable seats, adjustable steering wheel, lots of airbags, ABS with EBD and Brake Assist, reversing camera, electric front windows, six speaker RDS radio/CD/MP3 player, manual air conditioning, remote central locking and front fog lamps.

Panoramic

The T-Spirit version gains alloy wheels, all-round electric windows, the panoramic roof and rear privacy glass.

There is also a touch screen Bluetooth information and entertainment system that doubles up for the reversing camera. And from May this year this can be boosted for £500 to become a full scale sat nav system. It will then have access to the Google local search system when used with a compatible smartphone.

Although there is a diesel version it will not be offered in the UK because Toyota GB argues that low mileage drivers will not find it cost effective to spend an extra £1,000-plus for the diesel engine. The diesel engine also does not like repeated short runs.

Toyota expects to sell around 30,000 a year in Europe and about 3,000 in the UK. Virtually all will go to retail customers, and it expects the majority of older drivers to plump for the CVT version.

Prices start from £14,645 for the TR manual, (reduced to £13,995 for six months) and £15,745 for the T-Spirit manual (reduced to £14,995) The CVT versions add £1,150. On the road the car is easy to drive, ride quality and comfort are good and there are no squeaks or rattles.

In the standard TR version you get a lot of equipment that is not offered by the lower priced competitors, and also lower tax bands. The car also comes with the five year Toyota warranty. It is graded 8E for insurance

Fact file

Price: TR Manual: £14,645 (reduced to £13,995) T-Spirit, £15,745 (reduced to £14,995). CVT: add £1,150.

Length: 3,990mm.

Economy: Manual: 51.4 mpg, CVT: 54.3 (combined average)

Acceleration: 0-62mph, Manual 13.3 secs, CVT: 13.7 secs.

Top Speed: 106mph

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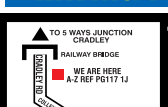

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New Picanto makes Geneva Show debut

Kia bosses expect the new Picanto to prove more popular than the old model

The all-new Kia Picanto, making its global premiere at the Geneva Motor Show, has been redesigned and re-engineered with sharp styling to completely redefine its position as one of the most competitive vehicles in the 'city car' market.

With looks that convey a sense of solidity and maturity, new efficient engines and reduced CO2 emissions from 90 g/km, high levels of specification and safety features, the Picanto will be offered for the first time with a choice of five and three door body styles.

Soon-Nam Lee, director of overseas marketing, Kia Motors Corporation, said: "Our new Picanto is now a small car, grown-up.

"We anticipate that global demand for small A-segment cars will be in the region of 2.4 million units annually over the next six years and we are confident that new Picanto will enable us to capture a larger share of this market."

The first generation Picanto was launched in 2004 and went on to achieve more than 1.1 million sales globally over the following seven years, with sales in the UK totalling 77,810.

Kia believes the new car will become even more popular.

UK consumers will benefit from the next generation Picanto's greatly reduced CO2 emissions, improved fuel economy and reduced ownership costs when the model goes on sale later this year.

Kia has attempted to transform the character of the car from 'cute and feminine' into 'mature and handsome'.

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Up front, the face of the Picanto expresses the same assertive vigour and refinement as its bigger brothers, the Venga and the Sportage, and shares with them the same signature 'tiger nose' grille. Picanto's daylight running lights emphasis the high level of design and high tech sophistication.

This bold front end is supported by a strongly-sculpted and dynamic body which embodies the strength and maturity of the Picanto and gives the vehicle a real 'premium presence' on the road.

While it will now be a more stylish car, the new 3.6m long Picanto will also remain an extremely practical option.

On the outside, overall vehicle length has increased by 60 mm, and the wheelbase has grown by 15 mm.

These increases, and some clever interior packaging, have enhanced the cabin space for people (front legroom is up by 36 mm), and for luggage, with boot capacity increased by 27 per cent to 200 litres.

Attention to small details of the exterior design have improved the new Picanto's aerodynamics, reducing its drag figure to just Cd 0.31 – better than the vast majority of A-segment cars.

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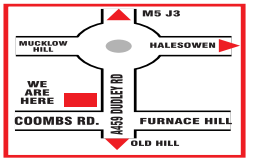

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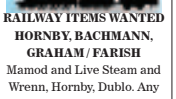

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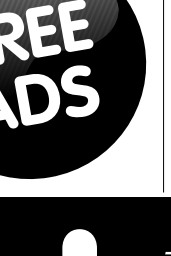

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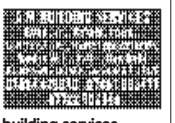

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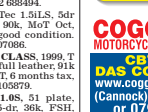

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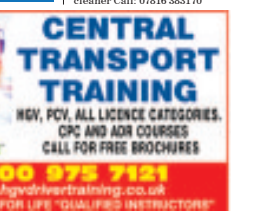

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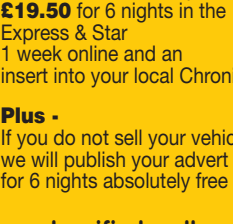

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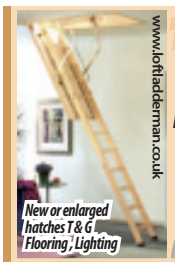

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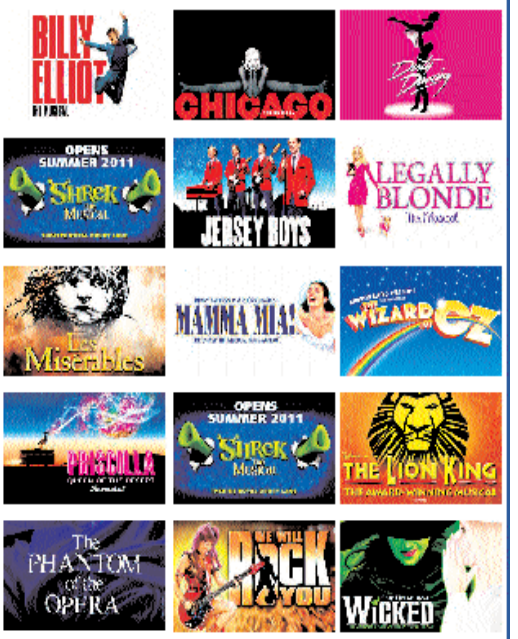

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Rocket Ronnie in saddle to face Heathens

THE HEATHENS are to face one of their most implacable speedway opponents – Wolves legend Ronnie Correy.

"Rocket Ronnie", now 44, is a veteran of many a titanic struggle against the Cradley Heathens.

And with the revived Dudley Heathens opening their 2011 season at Monmore Green against the USA Tourists side on April 12, the former world pairs champion could not resist the chance to put one over on the old enemy.

USA tour chief Steve Evans, a dyed in the wool Wolves fan who now lives in California, said: "I asked Ronnie almost tongue in cheek if he was interested in having a skid.

"I emailed him the dates and he came back and said he would ride in our meeting at Rye House and he would love to face the Heathens at Monmore Green.

"He will add some powerful strength to the team and I guess one last crack at beating the Heathens is something Ronnie just couldn't resist!"

Heathens chairman Nigel Pearson said: "I was shocked when I heard this news, but it's going to be great to see Ronnie in action.

"As a Cradley fan you would always worry when Correy and Sam Ermolenko combined against you; he was a terrific rider and I know he has kept in shape since he retired.

"Ronnie was quite popular amongst Cradley fans, which is so unusual for a Wolves rider!"

BILLINGHAM IS LAST-GASP HERO

Stourbridge 4 Leamington 3

TEN-MAN Stourbridge staged a remarkable fightback as two late goals, including a stoppage time winner from Ben Billingham, saw the Glassboys claim a startling victory.

In a see-saw contest on Tuesday night that had just about everything, Gary Hackett's men enjoyed the better of the opening half to run up a two-goal lead before trailing 3-2.

The sending-off of James Dyson appeared to be the final nail in the coffin for the hosts, yet the dismissal galvanised the Glassboys.

Knowing that a win was crucial to their play-off hopes, the home side started strongly and scored in the fourth minute. Leamington failed to clear a corner and Linden Dovey's curling low shot was diverted past keeper Tony Breeden by a flick from the predatory Ryan Rowe.

The visitors sought a quick reply and Stourbridge keeper Lewis Solly had to push away a shot from Jamie Sheldon at his left-hand post.

Leamington went close again on 23 minutes as James Rowe spun smartly inside the penalty box before cracking a shot just over the bar and a few minutes later Solly was again in action, saving comfortably from Jamie Hood.

Stourbridge forged further ahead in the 26th minute. A mistake from Alex Taylor let in Rowe on the right who fed Aaron Drake to beat Breeden with a low shot that went in off the far post.

The visitors were fired up after the break and soon began pressing the Stourbridge goal. The Glassboys were also hampered by changes early in the second period that saw the injured Mahon replaced by Josh Craddock. In addition Nathan Bennett came on for Drake, only to pick up a head wound which saw him leave the field twice before being substituted.

In the 54th minute Leamington pulled a goal back when Rowe's cross was headed in by the unmarked Jacob Blyth.

Travelling

Pressure mounted and Leamington made the game all square in the 65th minute. A deep corner from Sheldon saw Daly's header saved only for Neil Barnfield to net from close range.

Nine minutes later Barnfield set up Rowe to shoot low past Solly and send the travelling supporters into raptures. Moments later Dyson received a straight red card after a lunging tackle on Lee Downes.

Yet on 83 minutes Dovey's tame spot-kick, awarded for handball, was saved only for the Stourbridge man to convert the rebound.

A frantic finale saw scrambles in both boxes before Craddock's fine ball was flicked over the head of a defender by Billingham who finished with a sumptuous lob.

Six-shooter is outgunned

Crunch: Stourbridge's Aaron Drake challenges Weymouth keeper Nick Jordan. *Picture: Tony Marsh*

Rowe nets yet again, but Stourbridge are beaten

Weymouth 3 Stourbridge 2

RYAN ROWE scored for the sixth successive match – but the stoppage time goal from the Stourbridge striker merely gave Saturday's scoreline a more respectable look.

The Glassboys were outplayed by the relegation-threatened hosts for long spells and this result leaves a Zamaretto Premier play-off spot looking a long way off.

The home side were quicker out of the blocks and grabbed the lead with just five minutes played.

Lewis Tasker played the ball forward down the left for Warren Byerley and he pulled back a low cross from close to the byline for Jamie Mudge to shoot across Stourbridge keeper Lewis Solly.

The Dorset side continued to press without further joy before Drew Canavan struck a speculative long range snap-shot wide of Nick Jordan's right-hand post for the Glassboys in the 15th minute.

Two minutes later the visitors drew level with a somewhat bizarre goal against the run of play. Solly struck a deep free-kick into the Weymouth area where Nathan Bennett rose to get in a looping header that drifted across the six-yard box, just evading the onrushing Linden Dovey and his marker Ed Palmer before bouncing off the post and ricocheting off Palmer.

Blocked

The ball was adjudged to have crossed the line before Jordan gathered it in his hands and Bennett was credited with the goal.

The hosts hit back on 19 minutes with Byerley working an opening inside the box before seeing his low drive blocked by the legs of Solly. In the 27th minute Byerley received a diagonal ball who laid off a short pass to Mudge whose low shot from the right-hand side of the box went narrowly wide.

After an error-strewn start, Stourbridge tried to rally and in the 32nd minute Leon Broadhurst delivered a teasing cross in from the left and Jordan dived bravely at the feet of Aaron Drake to push the ball to safety.

But Weymouth remained on top after the re-start and just two minutes into the second period Ryan Mahon was in the right place to head off the line after Mudge had clipped in a cross-cum-shot from the right that beat Solly.

The Glassboys went close when Drake's shot drew a flying reaction save from Jordan before the follow-up effort from Canavan was blocked.

But on 69 minutes Matt Groves' cross to the far post was headed in by an unmarked Byerley and with 10 minutes left Groves headed home at the far post. Rowe's goal

Sad Yeltz left hamstrung by injury to Hinds

TWO set-piece goals in the first half put play-off chasing Chesham on their way to three points against Halesowen.

The Yeltz suffered a blow early on in the Tuesday night Buckinghamshire mist when they lost Andre Hinds to a hamstring injury.

Chesham United 3 Halesowen Town 0

There was no lack of application from Halesowen but Chesham took the lead in the 17th minute when Danny Talbot's low corner from the right eluded everyone and left Chris Bangura with an easy chance.

The Generals created further chances, with Leon Archer breaking clear only for Yeltz keeper Louis Connor to block.

Halesowen suffered another lack of defensive concentration when Chesham doubled their lead eight minutes before half-time.

Danny Talbot's free kick was turned away by Connor, but Robert Bartley was there to side-foot the ball into the net at the far post. A touch from the offside Chris Elsegood was judged to have been made with the ball already over the goal line.

Halesowen enjoyed their best spell of the game early in the second half with Justin Nisbett shooting wide after a mazy run and Mark Smith firing over the bar.

Both sides then missed further chances as Chesham's Cox lifted the ball over an open goal and Nisbett did the same at the other end.

Chesham eventually made the scoreline a flattering 3-0 in the final minute when Steve Wales broke through and slotted the ball past the advancing Connor.

Swindon Supermarine 1 Halesowen Town 1

The Yeltz earned a gutsy away point on Saturday when Andre Hinds scored three minutes from time, controlling Justin Nisbett's pass and scoring.

Swindon had gone ahead on the hour through Nick Stanley.

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Missed kick aids Saxons' push for win

Stourbridge Saxons 21 Otley 19

A LAST-GASP missed conversion was enough to help Stourbridge bank four points from their National One contest with relegation-threatened Otley.

The Saxons scored three fine tries but never quite hit the attacking heights reached during their defeat at Redruth a week earlier.

However, the overall outcome was a better one and as the golfing adage states: "It is less about how, and more about how many."

Director of rugby Neil Mitchell will also have relished the efforts of first-time half-back partners Sam Robinson and Peter White, ***writes Paul Smith.***

Diminutive scrum-half White varied his game superbly, while newly-returned Robinson's ability to play-make 'in traffic' on the gainline brings an exciting new dimension.

After winger Jamie Hearn kicked the home side into a third-minute lead with a wind-assisted 45 metre penalty, Georgiou equalised with a routine kick when Stour's front row were penalised in the tight.

Interval

A second Hearn penalty extended Stourbridge's lead, before home back rower Rupert Cooper forced his way over from close range for the game's first try.

Although Georgiou's second penalty soon narrowed the interval gap to five points, the home side extended their advantage direct from the start of the second period.

Matt Thomas drove the kick-off return 20 metres before quick hands released Hearn. The winger linked with Greg King, whose pass sent Charlie Hayter speeding to the corner for his ninth try of the season. Otley dominated territory and possession for the next half-hour, forcing Cooper to infringe on the ground in front of his own posts. This earned the number eight his fourth yellow card of the campaign, and gave Georgiou three simple points.

Lively scrum-half Peter White

Otley also took full advantage of the ensuing power-play to force a well-constructed try as flanker Richard Beck, squeezed in at the corner.

Ashley Smith added a third Stourbridge try five minutes from time, when Robinson's accurate cross-kick left him with the simplest of touch-downs.

However, Otley refused to admit defeat and a late score from winger Curtis Wilson, following an excellent Joe Barker cut-out pass, left Georgiou with a difficult – and ultimately unsuccessful – chance to snatch a draw.

Jet set Jarvis will fly to rescue of boss

TOM Jarvis is ready to join the jet set and help Stourbridge Saxons director of rugby Neil Mitchell put one over on his mentor.

The Stourton Park centre will line up for England Counties in Ireland tomorrow (March 18) but has agreed to fly back in time for his club's derby clash with Coventry the following day.

And it is a clash that Mitchell is desperate to win. "I wanted two wins from these two games and while we got an ugly win against Otley, the Coventry match is the key one for me," he said.

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